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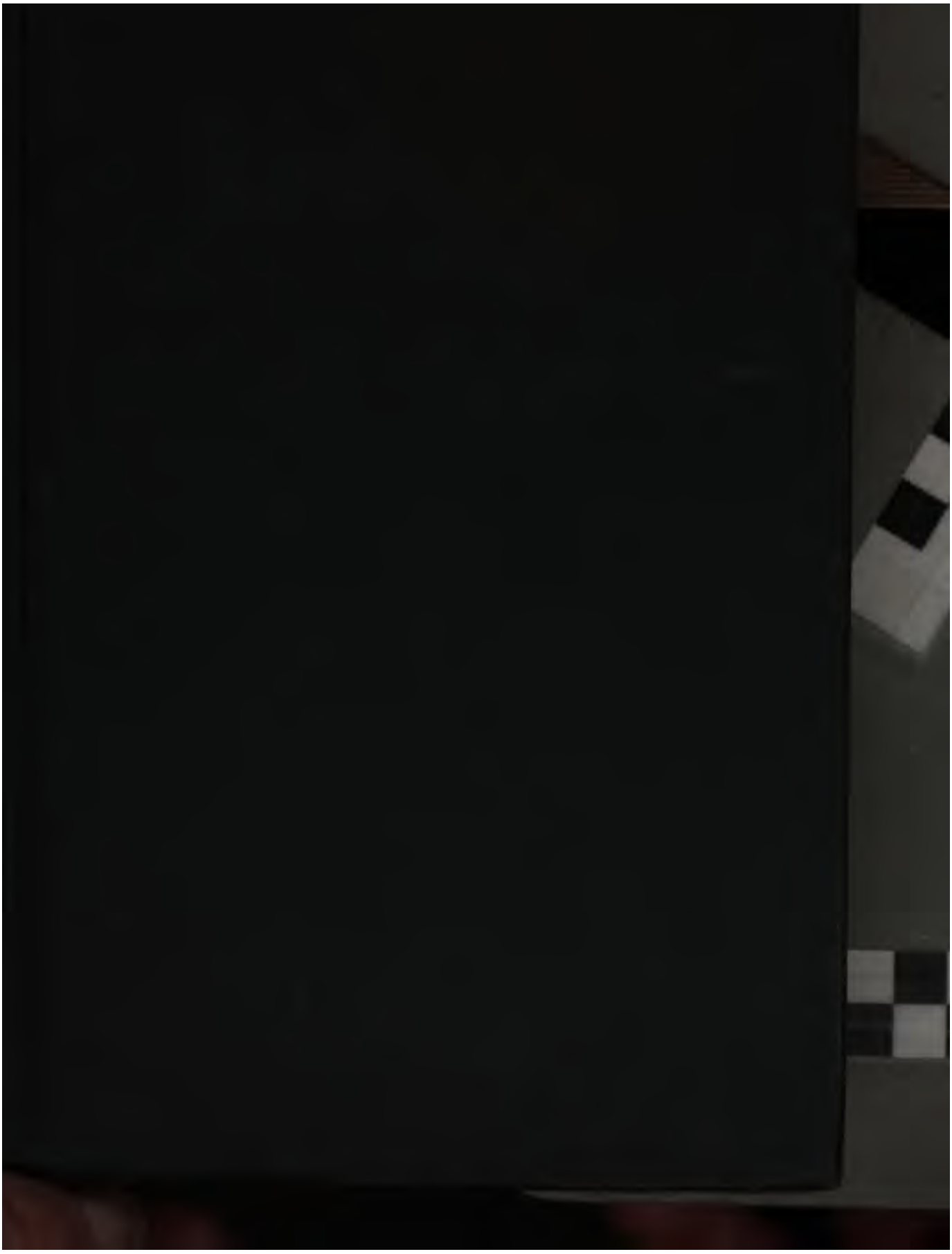

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[1] In Common Council November 10th 1825

Present—The Honbl William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
William H Ireland	Samuel St John
Samuel Cowdrey	Philip Hone
John Webb	John Agnew
Mathew Reed	William Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
William A Davis	Daniel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the Regular and two Special Meetings were read and approved

A Petition of James Amory was received stating that he purchased from the Corporation several Lots of Common Land that he is anxious of improving the same and requests the Corporation would unite with him in building a Partition Wall between these lands and also that they would cause a Well and Pump to be sunk near the premises—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Repairs

A Petition of Justice P Noble was received stating that he was in extreme poverty and praying to be permitted to make use of some Public place under the Control of the Corporation where he may make an [2] address to the People and solicit Pecuniary aid to enable him to go with his Family [to] Louisiana—The same having been read was referred to the Committe of Charity

A Petition of Ernest Keyser lessee of a Lot in Mott Street praying that the lease of said Lot may be renewed to him for Twenty one years was referred to the Finance Committe with powers

A Petition of John Flack Duncan P Campbell and others praying a Water Grant may be made to them on the East River between the Grant already made to them and Twenty third street was read and referred to the Finance Committe with powers

A Petition from Robert Carter and Fanning C Tucker for a Water Grant oppisite their land on Long Island shore adjoining the Property of Mr Pierpoint about 503 feet the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of I[s]rael Purdy an Auctioneer praying permission to sell Household Furniture in Harman Street opposite to his store N° 24 was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of N Prime and others Inhabitants of the First Ward complaining that they are greatly disturbed by the ringing of the Philiadelphia Steam Boat bells at a very early hour in the morning and praying the Corporation will pass an Ordinance, suppressing said practice which being read was referred to the Police Committe

[3] A Petition of John Morrison and others was received stating that they reside in Chatham Street that the Spectaculum established in that Street is a great annoyance to them and an injury to their business by the crowds which are collected in the streets by a Band of Music which plays from the Balcony of the House and that accidents have several times occurred from Horses being Frightened by the noise of the Band and running away with the Carriages and praying some relief—was read and referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Moses G Dean for office of Inspector of Firewood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of William P Varean for Stall N° 2 Gouverneur Market was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of Thomas Longworth in behalf of himself and other citizens praying the Corporation would pass an Ordinance forbidding Citizens from depositing Coal Ashes in the Public Streets was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition from John B Dodd to be releived from an erroneous Assessment of a Personal tax on him—accompanied by a Certificate of the Assessors of the third Ward of the mistake was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of William A G Thompson to be releived from a personal tax was referred to the Committe on Assessments

[4] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Maiden Lane praying that an alteration may be made in the sewer of said street was read and referred to the Canal Committe

A Petition of Jose Xifre Lessee of Lots N° 43 Harman and N° 26 Henry Street praying to be informed of the future regulation of Henry Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of the Inhabitants of 5th Ward to have a Pier run out at foot of North Moore Street was read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips

A Petition of James U Dominick that the House and Lot at Chat-

ham Square known as the Watch House may be sold to him was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of owners of Property on Raisen Street—East side of Herring Street praying that the said Street may be regulated was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Jacob T Walden for permission to construct a cistern in Canal Street 5th Ward—was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward with powers

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 22 praying to be refunded the sum of Twenty dollars paid by them for a Reel to place the Drag [5] ropes of their Engine upon—was read and referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

A Petition of Jacob Lorrilard was presented stating that he is owner of the Principal part of the Water Grants issued on 11th Febuary 1804 to Hugh Gaine and to Jacob Halsey on the 5th September 1815 and praying an extension of said Grants to the boundary line and Regulation of West Street and praying also for a reduction of the Quit reserved—the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant praying that the 2d Avenue may be worked from 5th to 10th Street so that Carriages may pass thereon—was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Thomas Addis Emmet and other Gentlemen of the Bar was presented stating that the Fixtures in the Sessions Court room are so inconvenient and so badly arranged that they have felt it a duty to represent the same to the Common Council and to request a new and different arrangement which being read was referred to the Committe on Repairs

A Petition of the Trustees of St Patricks Cathedral praying to be allowed to continue burying their dead in their Church Yard upon filling it up to the permanent regulation of the adjoining Streets—And that when it shall hereafter be deemed proper to interdict the use of the ground as a place of interment that an equivalent quantity of ground may be given [6] to the Church in the new City Burrying Ground—the same having been read was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

The Commissioners under the Act to provide for the permanent regulation of the Streets and Avenues South of 34th Street &c. viz Joseph G Swift Robert Adrain and James Renwick presented a Report of their Proceedings under said laws accompanied by Maps and Profiles and communications which they had received on said subject—

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committe with authority to cause the same to be printed for the use of the Members

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred a resolution respecting building a Block at the end of the Pier on the Westerly side of Market Street Slip Reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed resolution for building a Block at the end of the Pier on the westerly side of Market Street Slip Report

that in their opinion such Block is necessary at that place and ought to be built forthwith, in order to protect and secure the Bulkhead now building on South Street, from the Ice the ensuing Winter

Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a Block be built at the End of the Pier on the westerly side of Market street Slip and the Street Commissioner take the necessary [7] measures for having the same carried into effect

John Webb
Asa Mann
Mth Reed
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the petition of R & S Bowne for use of Mud Machine reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Lessees of Catherine Street ferry to have the use of the Mud Machine for a few days to clean out the ferry slip at Brooklin—Report

That they have had said petition under Consideration and are of opinion there is nothing unreasonable in the request and therefore offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Lessees of Catherine Street ferry have the use of the Mud Machine to clean out the ferry Slip at Brooklin as soon as the old Slip is finished, provided they agree to tow the Machine over and Return her to New York when the work is done

John Webb
John Agnew
Asa Mann
Novem^{r} 10th 1825 Mth Reed
Signed W^{m} H Ireland

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[8] The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well in Banker near Rutgers Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Bancker street near Rutgers Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Asa Mann
Jameson Cox
Signed R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committe on Appointments to Office on the petition of a number of Citizens for the appointment of an additional Inspector of Lumber and of Martin Morse for said appointment—Reported as follows

The Committe on applications for Office to whom was referred the annexed petition of a number of Masters of Vessels for an additional Inspector of Lumber respectfully report

That in their opinion the prayer ought to be granted and offer the following resolution

Resolved that Martin Morse (whose petition is herewith annexed) be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Lumber

Mth Reed
Signed Jameson Cox

Which was approved and it was [9] Resolved that Martin Morse be and he is hereby Appointed an Inspector of Lumber

The Finance Committe on the Petitions of Joseph Strong and William B Townsend respecting purchasing Lot corner of Nassau and Wall Street reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Applications of Joseph Strong to purchase or lease, and of William B Townsend to lease, the vacant Lot of ground at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets

Your Committe however, having considered this matter, do not think it proper to sell or lease said Lot at this time, for reasons which it is not necessary to enumerate, and they therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the aforesaid petitions

Asa Mann
Henry J Wycoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the petition of King and Berrian Collectors of taxes for 3d & 5th Wards for additional compensation reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe to whom the annexed petitions from the Collector of the Third and Fifth Wards, was referred beg leave to report thereon,

That the petitioners pray that the Common [10] Council may increase their allowance for collecting the Taxes of the present year, because the amount which they are entitled to under the general tariff fixed by the Board, is not as much in proportion as that received by the Collectors of the other Wards, That your Committe, having examined this matter do not think it proper to alter the allowance heretofore made to the Collectors of the 3d and 5th Wards, in asmuch as such extra compensation would have to be paid out of the general funds of the City, and would not form a local charge upon the wards in question, Besides your Committe also deem it inexpedient to set the precedent of correcting the general tariff of allowance to the Collectors, because it would give rise to applications of the same kind hereafter, Your committe consider it most proper that the Tariff for each year, to the Collectors, should be unalterable for the year, and that each Collector, should only expect to receive the allowance fixed anually by the Board, Your Committe therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Edmund Blunt for Coporation to purchase his Charts of the North & South Atlantic Oceans reported against the same as follows

[11] The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed communication from Edmund M Blunt, That the petitioner requests the Corporation to subscribe for each of its members for a sett of the Charts of the North and South Atlantic Oceans—That your Committe, upon considering this matter are of opinion that it is not expedient to purchase the charts in question, and therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to comply with the request contained in the communication of Mr Blunt respecting the purchase of Charts of the North and South Atlantic Oceans

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Peter W Livingston Executor of Joanna Beekman deceased Reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of P W Livingston Esqr executor of the estate of Johanna Beekman, That the petitioner states that the award to unknown owners for damage by opening Wooster Street to Lot No 75 Wooster Street ought to be paid to him as executor—Your Committe however think that as the award is made to owners unknown, the same ought to be paid according to Law, into the Supreme Court, to be disposed of by the said Court agreeably to the directions of the statute

[12] Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of the American Academy of Fine Arts for an extension of their Lease reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed Petition

of the American Academy of the Fine Arts, That the Society wishes to have its Lease of certain apartments occupied by them in the Old Alms House, extended for such period as the Common Council may deem proper That your Committe considering the utility of the Institution in question are of opinion, that it is expedient to extend their Lease for the same period as that heretofore granted to the heirs of John Scudder for that part occupied by the American Museum. They therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Lease of the apartments occupied by the Academy of Fine Arts, is hereby extended to the first day of May 1827, upon the same terms and conditions as the same are now held by that Institution

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[13] The Comptroller presented a Report stating that he had examined the Treasurers Account to the 1st Inst and his accounts with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund and that he found the same Correct—Which was ordered to be filed

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports that the enclosed Declaration in Ejectment has been served on Messs Blackwell & McFarlin, tenants of the Lot of Ground at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, which they hold from year to year under the Corporation

The property is claimed by or under William Bayard Fredk Depeyster and many others, And the counsel requests the instruction of the Board for the defence of the suit

respectfully submitted

7th Nov. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to Eenter an appearance in and defend said suit

The Counsel presented the following Leases for Lands sold for non payment of Taxes

The Counsel according to the directions of the Street Commissioner, has prepared, and presents for execution the following Leases

for land sold for Taxes, the same not having been redeemed according to Law—that is to say.

1st A Lease to William J Cantelo, for 75 years for $13 24/100, of a lot of ground in the 9th Ward, on the Fitzroy Road, which was assessed as belonging to James Angevine

2d A lease to William J Cantelo for 25 years for $16 81/100 of eight lots of ground in the 9th Ward on the Abingdon Road assessed as belonging to Thomas Carberry

3 A Lease to James J Ryan for five years for $20 79/100 of a [14] House and Lot in the 8th Ward, on the south side of Van Dam, between Greenwich and Hudson Streets numbered in the advertisement of sale 3197 Assessed as belonging to Benjamin Wells

4. A Lease to James J Ryan for nineteen years for $14,88/100 of a Lot in the Tenth Ward, on the West side of Millet, between Stanton and Rivington Streets numbered in the advertisement of Sale 2920, assessed as belonging to Ralph Jacobs

5 A Lease to John E Mowatt for Twenty years for $16 7/100 of a Lot in the 8th Ward, on the Westerly side of Mott Street between Grand and Broome Streets, numbered 63 in the advertisement, assessed as belonging to Wm Hoffman

6 A Lease to John E Mowatt for 1000 years for $352 05/100 of a lot 100 feet front in the 8th Ward, on the Easterly side of McDougal, between Bleecker and Amity Streets, numbered 594 in the advertisement

Respectfully submitted

Nov. 10. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on an Assessment for regulating and Paving South street between James and Catherine Slips—And for a Well and Pump in Pitt near Broome Street and a Warrant was ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were Passed. Vizt

For Building a Bulk head and filling in Duane Slip—And Isaac Kipp James Bleecker & Benjm Prince were appointed Assessors

Also for making West Street and filling Water Lots between Duane and Jay Street

[15] Also for Relaying the side Walks in Chamber Street and parts of Church and Chapel Streets and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors

Also for laying the side Walks in Duane Street between Broadway and Hudson Street and Isaac Kip James Bleecker and Cary Dunn were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side Walks in North Street between the Bowery and Orchard Street and Benjamin Prince John Targee and Abraham Dally were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side Walks in Prince Street from Broadway to M^{c}Dougal Street and James Bleecker Cary Dunn and Isaac Kip were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Bancker Street near Rutgers Street and Benjamin Prince Abraham Dally and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each Viz^{t}

For regulating and repaving Pike Street between Division Street and Water Street

For a Well and Pump in Attorney near Broome Street

For a Well and Pump in Attorney near Grand Street

[16] For a Well and Pump in Sheriff near Delancy Street

For a Well and Pump in Bancker near Pike Street

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Herring and Stephen N Bayard to shut up Amity Lane reported against the same as follows

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Herring and Stephen N Bayard setting forth that they are severally owners of certain peices or portions of Ground being a part of what is called and known as Amity Lane in the now Ninth Ward of this City—and as that Opening or Lane is not wanted for a highway and thoroughfare, they pray the Corporation of this City to direct it to be closed

From all the circumstances of the Case the Street Commissioner is induced to report as follows

It appears that Amity Lane was Originally laid out by the Joint consent of the proprietors of the Herring and Bayard farms for the Convenience of such of them as had their allotments remote from Broadway, or any public Road, and has not been used as a Public Road or High Way or acknowledged as such the petitioners themselves state "That the highway so created under the agreement of your petitioners, and called Amity Lane has never been ceded to, nor received by the Common Council, for a Public Road, Street, or Avenue—That the purposes and uses expressed and implied in the agree-

ment of your petitioners to devote the said lots or parcels, of land belonging to them as a High way have long since ceased and can never recur"

[17] It further appears that the Petitioners have long since sold all the Lots adjoining to and lying on Amity Lane bounding them thereon, and giving the purchasers a right of way therein

From the foregoing statement the Street Commissioner is induced to submit the following opinion as the result of the enquiry Viz That the way called Amity Lane never has been a Public Highway Street or Lane and of course the Corporation of this City are not vested with the power under any statute to direct the same to be closed that the fee simple is in the Original owners of the Soil and the right of way is in the owners of the Lots bounded thereon and that the petitioners have no remedy, but in a compromise with the said owners

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves
Street Commsr

Which Report was accepted and ordered to be filed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the same

Fire Engine Company

No 7

Charles C Stewart Carver No 105 Orange St
Vc Wm McAllpine Resigned

Francis J Kelso Glass cutter 11 Roos[evelt] Street
Vc Horatio N Walker Resigned

James Stewart Blacksmith 105 Orange Street
Vc Daniel McFall Smith Joined another Co

No 8

Horatio N Walker Accountant William Street
Vc John Gates Resigned

[18] No 9

Erastus Munson Cartman 66 Liberty St
Vc James Divan Resigned

John Hooghkerk Carpenter 70 Front Street
Vc William C Shope Resigned

No 12

John Jervis Jeweller 41 Ferry Street Vc John Purse Left the City

N° 14

Edward G Billington Accountant 61 Barclay C of Chapel S[t]
V[c] Theodore Goerck Resigned

N° 16

William A Dobson Cooper 143 Chamber Street
V[c] John J Deforest Joined another C[o]
Joseph B Bradshaw Taylor 2 Liberty Street
V[c] William S Valentine Resigned
James Degrushe Cooper N° 6 Cedar Street
V[c] Watts Baldwin Resigned

N° 27

Isaac Attmore Carpenter 192 Canal Street
V[c] Balthazer Melick Appointed a Warden
Samuel Tribit Carpenter 192 Canal Street
V[c]Randolph Lowerre Appointed a Warden
Robert Boyd Ship Wright Warren Street
V[c] William Parmelly Resigned

N° 28

John Bogert Carpenter Thompson n Grand Street
V[c] Edward Meeks Jun[r] Resigned
John DelaMater Carpenter Grand n Essex Street
V[c] John Flandreau Resigned

N° 30

George W Brown Shoemaker Chrystie N Delancy Street
V[c] Philip Romaine Time Expired

[19] N° 32

Richard Cornwell Chair Maker 90 Elizabeth Street
V[c] Martin Flock Resigned

N° 37

David G Walton Mason Grand Street V[c] Charles Stuart Resigned

N° 39

John Clark Tinman Vesy n Greenwich St[t]
V[c] William Collins Resigned
Philomen F Theall Tinman Greenwich n Spring St[t]
V[c] Charles *Elliot* [Ellet] Resigned

N° 44

John Meigs Ship Carpenter Lewis Street
V[c] William L Husted Resigned
Jeremiah Jennings Ship Carpenter Corner of N & Lewis St[t]
V[c] Johnson S Inglee Resigned

Hook & Ladder Co
No 2

Alfred Vreeland Merchant 81 Catherine Street
Vc Edgar *Ryder* [Ryker] Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances—Which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz

No 1.	P Lorillard	owner	229	Chrystie Street	A Lot
2	Jas Dobbin	Executor		Moores Row	a Privy
3	Wm McLaughlin	Lessee	15	Do	Do
4	Hy Remsen	Owner		Bancker Street	Do
5	Wm B Crosby	Agent		Do	Do

George Cumming
City Inspector

10th November 1825

[20] Alderman presented the following

Resolved that the Vacant Lots fronting on Rutgers Bancker and Henry Streets be filled in and that the City Inspector carry the same into effect which was referred to the Counsel

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution to repair Broadway at the junction of Art Street which was referred to the Road Committe

The following Letter was received from Absolum Bull

Honbl William Paulding Junr
Mayor of New York

Sir

On the day preeceding our departure from Black Rock, Judge Porter of Niagara forwarded to us four barrels of Apples raised in his orchard some two or three hundred yards from the Falls; with a request that they might be shipped on board the Canal Boat "Niagara" and two of them be presented to the Corporation of Troy and the other Two to the Corporation of New York as specimens of the fruit of that Country

Our Boat however, was already so nearly loaded as to prevent our taking but two of the barrels one of which we have in conformity to his request, delivered to the Corporation of Troy; and the other we now beg leave to present to you

Very respectfully
Your Obet Servant

New York Nov. 8. 1825 Absalom Bull
for the Passengers of the "Niagara"

[21] Whereupon Resolved that the present be Accepted and that the Clerk return the thanks of the Board for the same

The Recorder presented the following Report as Chairman of the Committe on the Celebration for the Completion of the Erie Canal

The Commemoration by the City of New York of the completion of the Grand Erie Canal, which unites the waters of the Great lakes with the Atlantic Ocean

The Committe of the Corporation of the City of New York, to whom it was referred to concert measures, to Commemorate this great event in a manner corresponding with its vast National importance—with the feelings and wishes of their fellow citizens—and with the Honor of the City

Respectfully Report,

that the Celebration both by Land and Water, has been in a style of unusual Magnificence and Splendour—That *is* [it] has so far transcended all anticipations and been so ably conducted, by the Gentlemen to whom it was more immediately confided as to require a full and detailed Report

The Committe therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved, that a select Committe be appointed, to make a full and detailed report to this Board, in relation to the late celebration by the City of New York of the completion of the Erie Canal

[22] Resolved, that the said Committe report to this Board, the names of, and the duties assigned to, the several Gentlemen who have distinguished themselves in aid of the Municipal Authorities of the City, and what, in the opinion of the said Committe, will be an appropriate tribute of respect, for services thus rendered

By order of the Committe

R Riker
Chairman of the Committe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Mayor appointed the Original Committe Viz The Recorder Alderman Mann Davis Assistants Bolton Agnew

The following Letter from M[r] Alex[r] Coventry in behalf of the Committe from the West in the celebration for Completion of the Great Erie Canal was received—His Honor the Mayor was requested to make a suitable reply thereto and the Clerk was directed to cause the same to be published in the papers employed by the Board

To the Honorable the Mayor Recorder and Corporation of the City *of the City* of New York

Gentlemen

Having been deputed by our fellow Citizens in the West, to join with you in celebrating the completion of a work, which has elevated the character of our common [23] count[r]y, which will remain a triumphant trophy to the friends of free institutions; of what freemen can perform, when their energies are directed by knowledge and true patriotism. A work which by uniting the waters of the Western Lakes, to those of the Ocean within our territory, hast burst through the Barrier of the mountain, destroyed every pretence for sectional jealousy, and confirmed a bond, which the hand of time can never impair. The Erie Canal insures to our fellow citizens of the West a reward for industry, to our posterity an antidote for Idleness, to the Inhabitants of our fertile Western plains, the incalculable boons of Law, Religion, Morality and virtue, the legitimate offspring of Knowledge and Industry nor is it (in our estimation) the least of our accquired priviledges, to have our prosperity *in*dentified with that of this City, our connection with which has always been our proudest boast; but the value of which privileges, we have but lately learned justly to appreciate; for here we have been shewn that man may live in Mass, and still be virtuous. We have here witnessed and we confess with wonder, that an immense population may spend a day in rejoicing and festivity, and exhibit a self respect, that forbade even the appearance of depravity; who ever before witnessed a scene simular to that of the 4th Ins^{t} without observing a single instance of inebriety, or hearing a sound that could shock the chastest ear, A visit to your wise and philanthrophic Institutions solved the problem, in these we saw vi[r]tue and knowledge were the earliest seeds sown in the infant mind, justly accustomed to order and obedience, habits invaluable even when reason assumes the reigns. We saw with pleasure the youthful delinquent, as it were snatched from perdition, and converted to a usefull and virtuous citizen, from what we have witnessed, we are [24] convinced that wise Philantrophy may change a dense Population, from a sink of depravity, into a seat of science Industry and Virtue.

To the Enlightened and Patriotic Magistracy of this respectable City, We beg leave to tender our acknowledgement of the most sincere gratitude for the urbanity, the liberality, the Kind attention, and unwearied exertion on their part to render our visit pleasant, and our residence agreeable, during the interesting period we have spent i

their hospitable City—We must be permitted to assure the Gentlemen collectively, and individually, that we bear with us on our return to the bosoms of our families, the most lively and permanent impressions, of their kindness and flattering attentions, and that among the earliest lessons taught our Children, will be to cherish a friendship for their bretheren in a City, the Capital of their State, at present the largest most hospitable and judging from what we have seen, the most virtuous in the Union, and whose future destiny by the completion of the magnificent work alluded to, we judge to be placed beyond the controul of Chance

With Sentiments of Esteem and Respect,
We are your Servants
In behalf of the Committe of the West

New York 10th Nov. 1825 Alexander Coventry

Upon motion of the Recorder it was Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Committe on the Celebration of the Completion of the Great Erie Canal for the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars

[25] The Report of the Street Committe on the Remonst[r]ance against regulating Water Street between Market and Pike Street which was laid for consideration on the 24th of October was now called up and read as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred a remonstrance of the Owners and Occupants of Buildings and property in Water Street between Market Street and Pike Street against the raising and regulating that street to its contemplated permanent height until such time as South Street shall be made in front thereof

Report that inasmuch as that Water Street is now undergoing a permanent regulation in the Blocks above and below the one petitioned against your Committe are of the opinion this ought to be done also and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Gideon Ostrander

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

A motion was made that the Report on Roosevelt Street which was made the order of the day be now taken into consideration—The question being taken thereon it was passed in the Negative

A Remonstrance from Peter Lorrillard against closing Catherine Lane was presented and was together with the Report of the Street Committe which was laid for consideration on 10th October now referred to the Street Committe

[26] A Resolution to repair the Pavement in Broadway from Warren to Canal Street was referred to the Street Committe

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

Balance as per Acct 24 October	95.09
Recd for Tax 1825—3d 5th 6 Wards	5500.00
Streets	2250.
Rents	1697.57
Justices Courts	763.65
Wells & Pumps	100.
Mayoralty Fees	80.50
Commutation of Alien passengers	10.00
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 10 October	16.500.00
	26.996.81

78 Accounts auditted and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st Distt	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d	750.75
Wm Paulding Mayor 1 Qur Salary 26th Octr	750.00
J Morton Clerk C C 1 Qur 1st Inst	500.00
A B Martling Keeper City Hall 1 Qur 1 Inst	200.00
C Myers Keeper Potters field 1 Month 1s Inst	69.72
Asten & Higbie Messengers " "	62.00
J Burger regulating 4 public Clocks 1 Qur	50.00
J Coffin Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st Inst	45.50
O Ayres do " "	45.50
C Gilman Keeper of Battery " "	31.00
A McCready " Park " "	32.73
R Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward " "	34.87
P Wright " " 2d " " "	34.87
[27] T Jeroliman " " 3d " " "	34.87
N B Lyon " " 4th " " "	34.87
I A Isaacs " " 5th " " "	34.87
J M Thomas " " 6th " " "	34.87
B Fuller " " 7th " " "	34.87
S Hutchings " " 8th " " "	34.87
D Hubbard " " 10th " " "	34.87
A B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences Corporation 1 Qurr 1st Inst	220.36
J Leonard furnishing Lists passengers 6 Mo 1 Inst	50.00
B Hicks Assist Board of Health 1 Month 1st Inst	45.00
J Pinckney Do " " "	45.00

J Coffin Assist City Inspector removing nuisances 1 Qurtr 1st Inst							53.38
J Rappleyea & J G Dyckman Cleaning Streets 1 Qurtr 1 Inst							1250.
L Baum	Clerk	Washington Market		1 Mo	1st	Inst	74.17
J Gilbert		3 Markets		"	"		49.00
P Ammerman		3d do		"	"		48.50
G Duryea		Fulton	do	"	"		41.67
R Sm[i]th		Franklin	do	"	"		38.75
I Asten sweeper—		Fulton	do	"	"		38.59
J Hammond	Justice	1. 2. 3 Wards		1 Qutr	1	Inst	400.00
E Morrill	Do	4. 6	"	"	"		400.00
H Scovell	Do	7. 10	"	"	"		400.00
D M Cowdrey	Clerk	1. 2. 3	"	"	"		187.50
Geo: Betts	Do	4. 6	"	"	"		187.50
Wm H Smith	Do	7. 10	"	"	"		187.50
Wm Sherwood rent for Court 1. 2. 3 Ward 1 Qurtr 1st Inst							37.50
P. H Wendover Sheriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qurtr 1st Inst							998.75
[28] S Montgomery for Officers serving Supboenas 1 Qutr 1 Inst							275.75
John P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qutr 3d Inst							50.00
P. H Wendover Sheriff for Deputys conveying to Penitenr & House of Refuge to 1st Inst							21.00
P & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qutr 1st Inst							344.38
John Tiebout Stationary 6 Mo 1 Inst *Inst*							188.14
Abm Leggett for work at Mud Scow to 6th Inst							150.54
W R Cooke for 31 Casks Oil bot of J Coleman							1443.65
G Snether[n] lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1st Inst							809.14
Van Dusen & Carman Work at Lamp 1 Qur 1st Inst							90.37
Robert Provoost repairing Lamps				1 Mo	"		78.58
John Hone Award opening 6th Avenue f 13th Stt to Love Lane							2687.04
Mary Wyckoff		do		do		do	712.29
Wm C Rhinelander		Do		Do		Do	526.55
John J Astor		Do		Do		Do	318.14
Wm M Johnson		Do		Do		Do	317.37
John Rogers		Do		Do		Do	113.41
Wm C Rhinelander		Do		Do		Do	95.41
George P Rogers		Do		Do		Do	81.76
John Tonnele		Do		Do		Do	4.80
H Smith Act reg & pav West Stt from Murray to Duane							950.00
J Pinkerton Acct reg & pav 4 Stt from Broadway to 6th Avenue							600.00
T Cummings Acct reg & pav Arden Street from Herring Street to Church Line							500.00
S Fargay Acct repav Chatham Street from Pearl Street to Tryon row							250.00
H Smith Acct Cross walks 4th Ward							150.00
C Mooney Acct repaving Bowery at Intersect 1st Street							80.00
Wm Gee posting bills Stt Commissioner 1 Qurtr 1 Inst							20.25

C Mooney repaving Intersection 6th Ward.....	67.53	
R Graves Stt Commisr to pay A Labagh Error in Tax....	49.84	
[29] Abm Storms Acct Bulk head between Catherine & Market Slips	2000.00	
Geo: Lovett 2d payt building Pier at Catherine Slip.....	912.50	
J Gallaghe[r] Senr 1st payt Well Bancker near Pike Strtt..	70.12	
J Gallagher Senr bal Well Bancker near Grand Street.....	54.00	
R Pettigrew 1st payt Well Amity near McDougall Street...	40.00	
Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs for fire Department	600.00	
R Riker Chairman Committe on Canal Celebration.....	2500.00	
		26.904.29
Balance		$92.52

[30] In Common Council November 21st 1825

Present The Honbl William Paulding, Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samuel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel Dunscomb
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin
Gideon Ostrander	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved

A Petition of Stephen Heustis for permission to take away a part of a Large Rock in the 3d Avenue opposite to the 5 Mile Stone was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward with powers

A Petition of Allen Smith for appointment as City Weigher was read and referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

[31] A Petition of Alexander Lewis for Office of Charcoal Carman was read and referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Roswell Saltonstall for pecuniary aid to frame a model of a Machine on the principle of Perpetual Motion was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of John Perrot to be permitted to dig a Cistern in the

Street in 2d Ward was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Samuel Millbank and Charles Wall complaining of an Assessment on them for opening Bancker Street was read and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Thomas Hertell and Elbert Herring praying the suspension of the Ordinance for laying the Side Walks at termination of Chamber Street on the Northern side between West Street and Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Street Committe with powers

A Petition of Eli Hart stating that he is joint Proprietor with the Corporation of the Pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street and praying the Board to unite with him in extending the same to the permanent line was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

[32] A Petition of Alexander Thompson Junr praying for a remission of Taxes on his Personal property was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of William Wood for remission of a fine incurred for neglecting to fill a vacant Lot was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition from the Butchers of Centre Market praying the establishment of a Public Scale at the Market And also a petition from the same Butchers praying that part of the Market may be enclosed for the comfort of the Butchers and persons attending said Market during the approaching season were read and referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of the Health Officer, Health Commissioner and Resident Physicians for a suitable place to be allotted to them to erect a Barge Office was referred to the Committe on Wharves Peirs and Slips.

A Petition of Jacob Rapalyea and Jacob G Dyckman Contractors of Street Manure praying remission of certain fines incurred was referred to the Street Committe.

A Petition from the President and Directors of the New York Gas Light Company for permission to lay Gas pipes in any street North of Grand Street was referred to the Finance Committe

[33] A Petition of Lewis and Joseph Belden the Executors of Docr Charles Belden deceased praying compensation for the services of Docr Charles Belden as Physician of the Alms House was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital.

A Petition of Jeremiah Johnson and John Miller stating that in their opinion the grantees of the Williamsburgh Ferry have failed in

their part of the Conditions of the Lease and they therefore pray that legal measures may be taken to rescind the Contract which being read was referred to the Ferry Committe.

A further Petition of Henry Minugh for compensation for a horse lost by reason of the insufficiency of one of the Public Wharves was read and laid until the report of the Committe on that subject come in. The report was afterward presented and Petitioner had leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants to change the name of Sloat Lane to that of Exchange Street was referred to the Street Committe.

A Petition of John McNeish praying he may be permitted to remain a Fireman having been elected to Fire Engine N° 11 though he has not quite attained the age of 21 years—was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department.

The Market Committe on the Petition of William P Verian for Stall N° 2 in Gouverneur Market reported in favor as follows.

[34] The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed Petition of William P Varian for a Butchers Licence for the Stand N° 2 Gouverneur Market beg leave respectfully to report.

That the said stand is Vacant and the Committe are satisfied that the Petitioner is a proper person to receive a Licence, they therefore request the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to William P Varian for the Stand N° 2 Gouverneur Market

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
New York Nov. 19. 1825 Mth Reed
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on Laws on the Petition of Henry W Minnugh reported against the petition as follows.

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry W Minnugh praying for Compensation for his horse which was lost at Market Slip, by backing of[f] the Wharf, there being no string piece to guard against such accidents

Report

That on a careful examination of the facts and circumstances of this case, and of the principles upon which the claim of the Petitioner is founded, they are of opinion that this board is not under any legal

responsibility to indemnify the Petitioner for his loss—The Horse as your Committe are informed backed off into the Slip, by being [35] fright[e]ned at a hole in front of which the Petitioner attempted to turn him, he the petitioner being on the Cart to which the horse was attached, when as your Committe think, it would have been more prudent for him to have dismounted and led the horse, as thereby there would have been less likelihood of danger, The horse being frightened, in the manner just stated, started back with considerable force, and it is more than probable that if the string piece had been in its place the accident complained of would still have happened

From this statement, any examination or di[s]cussion of the Law *he comes* [becomes] in the opinion of the Committee unnecessary, and they therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

Respectfully submitted

S Cowdrey
Signed E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Andrew Mercein reported against the Petition as follows

The Finance Committe beg leave to Report on the annexed Petition of Andrew Mercein paying to be allowed for his expenditures in repairing his side walk in Chatham Street in front of the premises heretofore held by him under the Corporation

That your Committe do not think any allowance ought to be made to the petitioner under the circumstances of the case.

Your Committe therefore offer for the [36] consideration of the board, the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Thos R Smith to be released from Lease of District No 4 Public Wharves & Slips reported against the same as follows.

The Finance Committe respectfully Report on the annexed tion of Thomas R Smith to be released from Lease of Dist

of Wharves Peirs & Slips which petition was referred to this Committe on the 17th January 1825 That the petitioner also claims an allowance or deduction from his rent, because he expected to receive more wharfage in his District than he found the same to yield, because the superintendant of the Ward, interfered in this district to the injury of the petitioner, because the Law in relation to Vessels in Coenties Slip operated greatly against the Petitioner, and for other reasons which he has stated to your Committe

Upon considering all the circumstances in referrence to this matter, your Committe are however of the opinion that this board would not be justified in making any deduction from the rent due by Mr Smith on his Contract—These contracts are entered into by both parties If beneficial to either, the other party is held by the agreement—And unless very extraordinary and [37] unexpected events interfere, there can be no good reasons for varying the terms of the Contract—No such reason exists in this case as your Committe think, and they therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Jacob Lorrillard for water grant reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of Jacob Lorrillard—That the Petitioner as assignee of certain Water Grants from this Corporation to Hugh Gaine and Jacob Halsey, on the North river, prays for an extension of said grants to be made to him to the present line of West Street, The petitioner also wishes the quit Rent on the grant to Jacob Halsey to be reduced, as it is higher, he states than any other reservation of quit rent in simularly situated water grants

Your Committe do not think, under all the circumstances of the case, that this board would be justified in altering the quit rent in the grant alluded to, more especially as the property has passed out of the original grantee, and is now owned by the Petitioner, Whatever might have been the claim to a reduction by Mr Halsey your committe think that the purchaser from him can have no claim because he must

have purchased in reference to the rent reserved in the grant—But your committe do not think that if [38] the property, was still owned by Halsey, he ought to have any reduction in the rent.

Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary Grant or Grants to Jacob Lorrillard from the present termination of the Grants to Gaine and Halsey to the line of West Street as at present established, free of any quit rent, upon the usual terms, conditions and reservations, Mr Lorrillard paying all expences

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of James W Dominick for the purchase of the Watch House at Chatham Square reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of James W Dominick that the petitioner wishes to purchase the house and Lot at Chatham Square known as the old Watch House

That your committe find that the premises are under lease, of which more than one year is yet unexpired

For this as well as other reasons which it is unnessary to enumerate your committe deem it inexpedient to dispose of the said premises at this time. Whether when the time arrives that it shall be deemed proper to sell the premises, the same ought or ought not to be put up for sale at public [39] auction to the highest bidder, is a question which the Common Council must hereafter determine.

Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition to fill up Tompkins street reported in favor as follows.

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom the annexed petitions were referred praying that Tompkins street may be made from the Easterly side of Broome Street to the Easterly side of Delancy Street Slips Report, that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration, are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the waters in the present Slip is too shallow to admit Loaded Vessels of the ordinary size which usually attend our Markets to enter and lie with safety, and the bottom too hard and stony to admit of being deepened, and that little or no increase of depth can be gained within the line of Tompkins Street.

Your Committe therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Tompkins Street be made [40] and continued from Broome Street to Delancy Street easterly side and that the Pier on the Easterly side of Delancy Street be continued to East Street.

John Webb
Asa Mann
Mth Reed
W^{m} H Ireland
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Canal Committe on the Petition respecting the Sewer in Maiden Lane presented the following report

The Canal Committe to whom was referred the annexed petitions of sundry persons in the vicinity of the openings to the sewer in Maiden Lane stating that they are very much annoyed by the foul air and consequent noxious effluvia emitted from the sewer and which in their opinion may be corrected by some alteration in the culverts leading to the Sewer—Report that the Committe upon mature reflection are of opinion that the evil complained of by the Petitioners may be in some measure obviated by some alteration in the Culverts and Cest pools of the Sewer and that at no considerable expence and are therefore induced to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that such alterations and improvements be made in the Culverts and Cest Pools leading to the sewer in Maiden Lane as may

be deemed necessary by and under the direction of the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner of this Board

John Agnew
John Webb
Wm P Rathbone
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[41] The Committe on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 22 to be reimbursed money paid for a reel for their Engine reported against the same as follows

The Committe on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of P McNamara Foreman of Engine N° 22 praying to be refunded the sum of $20—expended by the Company for a reel to place their drag ropes upon—Report that until within a short period of time the use of reels for that purpose was entirely unknown, but as experience has shown them a convenience the new Engines built by this board have each been furnished with one, Altho they are admitted to be convenient your Committe have not thought them absolutely necessary and therefore declined going into the expenditure of a considerable amount, to have them affixed to the old Machines, as when offered for sale they will not command or sell for a better price with than without reels, several Companies have however procured them at their own expence, and if the sum now prayed for be refunded it would be just and equitable that they should all be placed on the same footing by repaying a similar amount to each Company for their expenditure, On mature delibiration your Committe see no cause to change the opinion under which they had heretofore acted and therefore beg leave to report against the prayer of the petitioner by offering the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[42] The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of John B Dodd & C° reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments, to whom was referred the above petition respectfully report that from the certificate of the assessors of the Third Ward hereto annexed it appears that they had assessed the Petitioner on a personal estate of twelve hundred dollars that in

copying the collectors wrote twelve thousand dollars was inserted instead of $1200 Wherefore Resolved that the Collector be directed to collect of John B Dodd & C° the tax receiveable on the Assessment of twelve hundred dollars Nov^r 21. 1825

J Hedden
S. Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
W^m A Davis
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the Petition to regulate and pave Rose Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the anexed petition of Sundry persons owners of the property on Rose Street from Duane Street to Frankfort Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted, And therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel S^t John
Philip Hone
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[43] The Street Committe on the Petition for regulating Raisen Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition praying that Raisen Street at Greenwich Village may be regulated East of Herring Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that so much of Reason Street as lies Easterly of Herring Street be filled up and regulated

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Sam^el S^t John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the Petition of Israel Purdy to be permitted to sell at Auction in the Street reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Israel Purdy praying that permission may be given him to sell by Auction articles of Household furniture in front of N° 24 Harman Street Report that in their opinion it would be improper to permit the selling of goods by auction at that place, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Sam^{el} S^{t} John
Philip Hone
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[44] The Street Committe on the Petition of Nich^{s} W Stuyvesant to work 2^{d} Avenue reported against the same as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant praying that the Second Avenue may be worked and made passible for carriages from 5th to 10th Street—Report that it is inexpedient to partially work that avenue at present inasmuch as the permanent regulation thereof is not yet fixed and if now worked it must be done at the expence of the Corporation.

Your Committe are therefore of the opinion that the working of that Avenue ought to be postponed until a permanent regulation thereof is adopted and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Sam^{el} S^{t} John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the Petition for flagging the side walks of Division Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition for having the side walks on the Northerly side of Division Street flagged from Arundle to Attorney Street—Report that in their opinion

the request ought to be granted and accordingly offer [45] the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samᵉˡ Sᵗ John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the proposals of F Price E Wiswall and Benjᵃ L Benson to cede certain Streets and Avenues at Harlaem reported in favor of accepting said Cession as follows

The Street Committe respectfully report on the annexed petition of Francis Price, Enoch Wiswall and Benjamin L Benson, proprietors of a tract of Land at Harleam formerly belonging to Peter Benson deceased. That the petitioners wish to open the Streets and Avenues running through said tract of land according to the Map of the Commissioners under the Act of 1807 and therefore offer to cede the same to the Corporation in the usual manner To this offer your committe think this board ought to accede.

That the petitioners wish the Road commonly called the "New Road" (from the lane leading to James Rosevelts to the intersections of the said Road with the fifth avenue at Harleam Heights) may be abandoned as a public Road by the Corporation so that the proprietors may take possession of the same—As this road runs through the said Benson tract, and is wholly useless as a highway, and as the opening of the fourth Avenue by the petitioners as well as the third Avenue already opened, entirely supercedes the use of the same Your Committe are of the opinion that the [46] prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, And therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that this board will accept a cession of the streets and Avenues running through the above mentioned tract excepting the Trees and improvements thereon and the house on 109ᵗʰ Street And that upon the due execution of a Deed of the premises, approved by the Counsel of the Board this Common Council will by resolution abandon the part of the Road above described running through said tract, to the proprietors thereof, as being no longer required for a public Road And thereupon the proprietors thereof have the permission of this Board to take possession of that part of the said Road

owned by them, as soon as they shall have actually laid open the Fourth Avenue running through said tract, and make the same passible as a Country Road

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for opening 2d Street between the Bowery and North Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of the owners of property on Second Street between the Bowery and North Street Report that in their opinion the time has arrived when that Street ought to be opened and as it is probable the permanent regulation of the Streets in that vicinity will be fixed by [47] the time the Assessment for opening the Streets shall have been confirmed by the Court and the owners of the property thereon will be enabled thereby to improve their lots immediately which they are desirous of doing— Accordingly the following resolution is submitted

Resolved that Second Street be opened from the Bowery to its Junction with North Street and that the Counsel to this Board take measures for carrying the same into effect.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the petition for opening 3d Street from the Bowery to the East River and the Remonstrance against the same reported in favour of the Petition as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Persons praying for the opening of Third Street, from the First Avenue to the East River beg leave respectfully to Report, that they have duly weighed the reasons appearing in favor of opening the same, and also the objections, which have [been] presented against the measure and which were received consequent on the advertisement of the Street Commissioner giving public notice of the opening as the above named Street is already opened from the Bowery to the 1st Avenue it appears to your Committe to be just and proper that the

Residue of the Street to the River should also be opened—and beg leave to propose the following Resolution

[48] Resolved that the Counsel to this Board be instructed, to take the necessary measures for application to the Supreme Court of the State at its next session for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above mentioned case.

Respectfully submitted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone

November 21st 1825
Signed

The Street Committe on the Report of the Counsel that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate on the opening of Mercer and Wooster Streets reported as follows

The Street Committe on the annexed communication from the Counsel to this Board informing that the opening of Mercer Street from D S Jones line to Art Street, and Wooster street from Fourth street to Art Street had severally been confirmed by the Court and that it remained with this Board to direct when the opening said Streets should be carried into effect

Your Committe is of the opinion that the said Streets should be opened forthwith and accordingly offer the following Resolutions

Resolved that Mercer Street be opened from the boundary line of D S Jones to Art Street and Wooster Street from Fourth Street to Art Street, from and after the first day [49] of December next ensuing

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the Petition of David Longworth respecting throwing ashes and cinders in the streets reported as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Longworth and others praying that the practice of depositing Coal ashes in the streets of this city from private dwellings may be prohibited by Ordinance—Report that they have duly considered the s

ject and are of the opinion that much inconvenience to families would be experienced if they were prohibited from depositing the small quantity of ashes which are daily made from the burning of coal into the Streets as it soon comes comixed with the ordinary dust and filth and is removed therewith by the scavengers

Your Committe think that as there is an Ordinance of this Board prohibiting the deposit of Ashes and Cinders from Shops and Manufactories it will be inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners, and accordingly recomme[n]d the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Samel St John
Gideon Ostrander
Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[50] The Street Committe on the Petition for widening Henry Street from Oliver to Rutgers Street presented a Report which was read, laid for consideration and the Street Commissioner *be* directed to advertise for objections thereto.

The Street Committe on the Petition for paving Gourverneur Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of the owners of the property on Govurneur Street praying that that Street may be paved throughout report that in the opinion of the Committe their request ought to be granted. And accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Governeur Street be pitched and paved between Water Street and Division Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel St John
Philip Hone
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe on the petition for paving McDougal and Hancock Streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Low and others praying that McDougal and Hancock Streets may be

paved from Houston to Herring Streets—Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to [51] be granted and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committe to whom was referred the representation of the Commissioners for opening a New Street in the 7th Ward between Walnut and Scammel Streets reported as follows

The Street Committe respectfully report on the annexed representation of the Commissioners for opening a New Street in the 7th Ward between Walnut and Scammel Streets—That the Commissioners find it impossible to make an estimate and assessment in the said matter, and therefore propose that the proceedings be abandoned. Your committe considering the circumstances, are of the opinion that the proceedings may as well be abandoned inasmuch as the commissioners cannot raise the requisite sum for the improvement, and the parties interested are nearly if not quite unanimous in favor of discontinuing the opening. Such at least are the representations and statements of the commissioners which your committe consider sufficient evidence, as the parties interested will be heard on the matter on the application for abandonment being made to the Court—Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary application to the Supreme Court for abandoning the proceedings [52] in this matter; and that notice of such application be given by the Street Commissioner in the papers employed by this Board in such form as the Counsel shall prescribe

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Saml St John
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No° 2.

William Uested Carpenter 124 Mott Street
Vᶜ Dennis Cornell Resigned

William H Weeks Cabinet Maker 112 Orchard Street
Vᶜ David W Raymer Resigned

No° 5.

Jacob W Field Druggist 112 Cherry Street
Vᶜ Peter Van Keuren Resigned

No. 6

Theophˢ Civill Grocer Duane & West Street
Vᶜ Chaˢ *Michilburgh* [Meckelburgh] Resigned

Nathaniel Randolph Cabinet Maker Sullivan Street
Vᶜ Chaˢ R Hatfield Resigned

No° 13

Abraham V Vradenburgh Grocer C of Cedar & William Street
Vᶜ Henry W Barnes Resigned

No° 21

John Turner Junʳ Druggist 161 William Street
Vᶜ Munson S Peet Resigned

John H Rand Moulder 87 Duane Street
Vᶜ John J Bedient Resigned

[53] No° 30

John D Sypher Rope Maker Orchard near North Stᵗ
Vᶜ John T Edwards Resigned

[No° 40]

[David W Raymer Grocer C of Pump & Elizabeth Street
Vᶜ Richard Cornwell Resigned]

John H Raymer Grocer C of Grand & Forsyth Street
Vᶜ George Dominick Resigned

No° 42

William Johnson Joiner Oliver near Bancker Street
Vᶜ Jeronamus A Fowler Resigned

William E Crooker Ca[r]penter Oliver Corner of Banker Stᵗ
Vᶜ Lewis Lyon Time expired

Hook and Ladder Company

No. 1

Richard Carman Carpenter 60 Stone Street
Vᶜ Alexʳ McDougall Time expired

John Davison Cooper 30 Old Slip
Vᶜ Wᵐ Van Antwerp Apptᵈ Fire Warden

Francis Denham Cooper 66 front Street
V^c Horatio N Walker Resigned
W^m B Shipman Cabinet Maker 69 Broad Street
V^c William A F Pentz Appt^d Fire Warden

The Cou[n]sel presented the following report on the case of Samuel Poole and on several Captains who had neglected to report alien passengers

The Counsel respectfully reports that Samuel Poole was written to for keeping two hackney coaches, he having a licence for one only— It appeared however that the Mayor had granted a licence for the other carriage but that the Defendant had not taken the same out The defendant has now taken out the licence and paid the costs. The penalty is one hundred dollars The remission of the penalty is respectfully recommended

Cap^t Lewis of the Ship Canton was [54] written to for not reporting his passengers which he has since done, and paid the costs.

Captain West of the Brig Jesse, was also written to for not reporting, which he has since done, and paid costs

Captain Drossey, of the Brig Ospray, a like case.

Captain Powers of the Schooner Dart a like case.

The remission of these penalties is also respectfully recommended

Nov 21. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the several penalties were ordered to be remitted

The Counsel to whom was referred the Resolution directing certain lots to be enclosed in fence reported as follows

The Counsel of the board respectfully reports on the annexed resolution, directing the vacant Lots fronting on Rutgers Henry and Banker Streets to be fenced in, and that the City Inspector cause the same to be carried into effect.

The Counsel finds by the act (2 R L 407 § 175) that the Common Council possess the power to direct the pitching and paving of the streets " and the raising reducing levelling or fencing in any vacant or adjoining lots in the said city " and to assess the expences upon the owners &c (see also 2 R L 134 § 20 and the Act of 47 Sess ch 49)

The proper course to be pursued in such cases is to pass an ordinance for the fencing in of the vacant lots, in the same manner as for pitching and paving the streets and appoint assessors to estimate and assess the expence—But the counsel respectfully suggests whether it would not be expedient, in the first [55] instance that the proprietor of vacant lots should be notified to fence in at their own expence, a

upon their neglecting so to do, that an ordinance be passed to have the same done by the Common Council, and to appoint assessors to assess the expence

Respectfully submitted

Nov. 16. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the City Inspector was directed to pursue the directions prescribed in the Report

The Counsel presented the following report respecting Leases

The Counsel herewith respectfully presents for execution the following, leases of land sold for non payment of taxes which have not been redeemed within two years according to Law, and for which the purchasers are accordingly entitled to Leases:

1 A Lease to Abraham Labagh of a Lot in the tenth Ward on the east side of Cannon Street, between Grand street and Broome street designated in a certain Map referred to in the advertisement of sale as N° 3430 assessed as belonging to unknown owners sold to Abraham Labagh for eleven years from 5th Novr 1825 for $15 $^{5}/_{100}$

2 A lease to David Whiting of all those three acres of land situate in the ninth ward of the City of New York at Bloomingdale assessed as belonging to Mathew Hone, sold to David Whiting for seventeen years from 5th November 1825 for $17.$^{8}/_{100}$

3 A lease to David Whiting of all those two certain houses and lots of land situate in the said ninth ward at Bloomingdale assessed as belonging to Mathew Hone sold to David Whiting for two years from 5th Novemr 1825 for $16 $^{68}/_{100}$ all these leases were made out by direction of the Street Commissioner

Respectfully submitted

Novemr 19. 1825. M Ulshoeffer

[56] Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following Resolutions respecting extending Christopher Street which were adopted

I Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to extend Christopher Street in the *in the* ninth Ward of the City of New York, from Washington Street to West street according to the plan and on the lines laid down in a Map entitled map of the property to be taken for opening Christopher Street from Washington Street to Hudson River Dated New York November 18. 1825 surveyed by Edward Doughty City Surveyor (the said Christopher Street being a street in that part of the City not laid into Streets Avenues squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of

New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done and that the Counsel of the Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the same may be carried into effect.

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to cause the petition to the Supreme Cou[r]t in the premises to be authenticated during the recess of the Board in the usual manner

The Counsel also presented a Report of all the proceedings heretofore had on the subject of the Boundary question between New York and New Jersey which was directed to be filed.

[57] The Counsel also presented a Deed from John L Norton and Sarah his wife to the Corporation of the City of New York ceeding to the said Corporation certain parts of a peice of Land situated in the now 12th Ward called the Hermitage as may be necessary for making certain streets and avenues which Deed of cession was accepted and the Comptroller was directed to cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of the City and County of New York

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed

For flagging Side walks in Division street and Abraham Dally John Brower and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors

Also for repairing Rose Street and Benjamin Prince John Targee and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating Raisen Street and Isaac Kip Cary Dunn and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving Governeur Street from Division to Water streets and John Brower Abraham Dally and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors

Also for making Tompkins Street between Grand and Rivington Streets and for filling the Water lots within the same

The Street Commissioner presented abstracts [58] from the reports of Commissioners of Estimate &c. for the opening and extending of Mercer and Wooster Streets—Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector thereof.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith covers a return of delinque on four several Assessments in order that Warrants may be is

to Morris D Camp the Collector thereof Viz[t] for regulating and paving Fourth street from Broadway to sixth Avenue

For laying Crosswalks in the 4[th] Ward

For a well and pump in Eldridge Street

Also for a well and pump in Banker Street

respectfully submitted

R Graves
Street Commissioner

Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to Morris D Camp to collect the same

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

No	1	P Wade	owner	No	19	Augustus Street	A privy
	2	W Waters	Do		17	do do	Do
	3.	T Wymbs	Do		25	do Do	Do
	4.	G Janeway	Do		33	do do	Do
	5.	G Abeel	Do		57	do do	Do
	6.	J P Clement	Do		70	Bancker Street	Do
	7.	Walker & Van Cott	Do		6	Collect Street	Do
	8	J *I* [T] Clayton	Do		43	Do	Do
	9	[59] G Janeway	Do		19	Cross street	Do
	10.	J Murray	Do		21	do	Do
	11.	A Dooley	Do		27	Do	Do
	12.	W Lawson	Do		31	Do	Do
	13.	Do	Do		33	do	Do
	14.	G Janeway	Do		35	do	Do
	15	J R Livingston	Do		64	do	Do
	16	Do	Do		66	do	Do
	17	W Thompson	Do		69	do	Do
	18	Wm O Shiel	Do		70	do	Do
	19.	W Thompson	Do		75	do	Do
	20.	P Collins	Do		84	do	Do
	21.	J. *Mannahan* [Monaghan]	Do		88	do	Do
	22.	C Schenck	Do		94	do	Do
	23	E Valentine	Do		96	do	Do
	24	Dutch refd Church	Do		5	Dutch Street	Do
	25.	D Prall	Do		42	Elm Street	Do
	26.	J L Brewster	Occupt		72	Do	Do
	27	Wm S Ross	Do		97	Do	Do
	28	Sl Gibson	Owner		98	Do	Do
	29	Wm H Maxwell	Do		108	Do	Do
	30	M Selden	Do		13	Orange Street	Do

31	M ONeil	Owner	41	Orange Street	A privy
32	Do	Do	43	do	Do
33	F Harrison	Do	62	do	Do
34	G Lorillard	Do	72	do	Do
35	F ONeil	Do	78	do	Do
36	Do	Do	80	do	Do
37	R R Barton	Do	100	do	Do
38	S Stansbury	Do	108	do	Do
39	M Tobias	Do	148	do	Do
40	M M Quackenboss	Do	150	do	Do
41	A Colvin	Do	10	Rhynders Street	Do
42	[60] G Janeway	Do	41	Cross Street	Do
43	Anthy Martin	Do	27	Catherine Street	Do
44	Fs B Fitch	Do	No	Cannon Street	A Lot
45	G Tucker	Do	No	White Street	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

21st Nov. 1825

The Clerk presented the following Return received from John Woodward Esqr Clerk of the City and County of Officers elected at the late Charter Election which was accepted and the Clerk was directed to give notice to the several persons elected to appear at the Common Council Chamber on the last Monday of December next at 12 OClock of the same day to take the oath of Office required by Law

I John Woodward Clerk of the City & County of New York do certify that by the returns filed in my office it appears that at an election held in the City and County of New York on Monday the seventh day of November in the year One thousand eight hundred and twenty five and on the two succeeding days inclusive the following persons were elected Charter Officers in the several Wards of the said City that is to say

John Y Cebra	Alderman	of the First Ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
John H Bailey & Jeromus Johnson	Assessors	
Daniel Ebbets	Collector	
Richard S Clark & Robert Graham	Constables	
[61] Samuel Gilford Junior	Alderman	of the Second Ward
William W Mott	Assistant	
John Leonard & Thomas Richards	Assessors	
Henry W Peckwell	Collector	
Richard Ellis & John Wintringham	Constables	

Campbell P White	Alderman	of the Third Ward
Pierre C Van Wyck	Assistant	
Isaac Grahem & Nathaniel C Griffith	Assessors	
Abraham King	Collector	
Henry Graham & Andrew Van Orden	Constables	
John Agnew	Alderman	of the Fourth Ward
John Hitchcock	Assistant	
Peter McCartee & Richard S Williams	Assessors	
William Benjamin	Collector	
Frederick Seely & James G Finn	Constables	
Anthony Lamb	Alderman	of the Fifth Ward
Henry Arcularius	Assistant	
Leonard Warner & John B Schmelzel	Assessors	
William Berrian	Collector	
Cyrus Bedel & William C Scott	Constables	
Mathew Reed	Alderman	of the Sixth Ward
John Lozier	Assistant	
Cornelius McLean & Andrew Surre	Assessors	
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Caleb Crane & Thomas Parker	Constables	
[62] Jameson Cox	Alderman	of the Seventh Ward
William S Coe	Assistant	
Caleb Fordham & Daniel Dusenbury	Assessor[s]	
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Robert Phillips & William Rhodes	Constables	
Daniel E Dunscomb	Alderman	of the Eighth Ward
Philip W Engs	Assistant	
Daniel Higbee & Azaria Ross	Assessors	
Samuel Y Clark	Collector	
Cornelius Stagg & Elisha Barton	Constables	
Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	of the Ninth Ward
John R Peters	Assistant	
Gilbert Coutant & Jeremiah Pangburn	Assessors	
Calvin Griswold	Collector	
Andrew Sinclair & Henry T Jolly	Constables	

Gideon Ostrander	Alderman	of the Tenth Ward
Abraham M Valentine	Assistant	
Isaac Halsey & John Drake	Assessors	
John Palmer	Collector	
William F Stevenson & Nehemiah Ludlum	Constables	
[63] William P Rathbone	Alderman	of the Eleventh Ward
Lemuel Pittman	Assistant	
Jonothan Brown & William Lee	Assessors	
Peter Pinckney	Collector	
Jedediah Thomas & John W Simpson	Constables	
William A Davis	Alderman	of the Twelfth Ward
Effingham Scheffelin	Assistant	
John Adriance & Isaac L Varian	Assessors	
Isaac Legget	Collector	
Stephen Heustis & Jacob F Cisco	Constables	

John Woodward Clerk
of the City and County of New York

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution directing the sale of certain public property which was referred to the Finance Committe

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Whereas the Governor of this State hath by his Proclamation recommended to the people of this State, the observance of Thursday next (the 24th Inst) as a day of public thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his great goodness to them during the past year and this Board concurring in the propriety of the said recomendation—Resolved that it be recommended by this Board to the Citizens and [64] *and* Inhabitants of this City to observe the said day in the manner above mentioned.

Alderman Cowdrey presented a Resolution directing Stone seats to be placed on the Battery which was referred to the Committe on Lands and places—And the Committe of Repairs to whom that subject had been referred was discharged from the further consideration thereof.

A Resolution to name the Building lately erected at Bellevue "The City Hospital" was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital.

Alderman Wyckoff presented a Resolution referring to the Com-

mitte of the Alms House the propriety of removing the sick poor to the Fever Hospital—and whether the Buildings now used as Hospitals may not be appropriated to the children of the Establishment which was referred to the Committe of the Alms House.

Mr Hedden presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner to furnish when required by the Chairman of the Committe on Assessments an account of the expences for the last years on the opening of Streets and on Wells &c: Which was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

Mr Scheffelin moved that the Resolution to appoint James Flanagan Assistant Justice of the 9th Ward be called up and agreed to. After some considerable discussion the Board went into a Ballot when he was duly Chosen and it was Resolved that James Flanagan be and is hereby appointed Assistant Justice of the Ninth [65] Ward of the City of New York to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Effingham Schieffelin Esqr

Alderman Davis presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Offices of Counsel and Attorney of this board be seperate and distinct and that their respective duties be performed by different Individuals—After some discussion Alderman Davis moved the previous question, Alderman Taylor moved that the consideration be postponed The Mayor decided the motion to be in order The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative The question was then taken on the resolution and carried in the affirmative the Ayes and Noes having been called thereon by Alderman Taylor the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderman Reed Mann Davis Ostrander Mr Agnew Burtsell Hedden Cox Dunscomb Schieffelin Rathbone 12

Negative Aldermen Wyckoff King Ireland Cowdrey Webb Taylor Mr Bolton St John Hone 9

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office of Attorney when Thomas Phenix was elected And it was Resolved that Thomas Phenix be and he is hereby appointed Attorney of this Board.

[66] Alderman King presented the following Resolved that a Salary of $500 per Annum be allowed to the Counsel of the Board to be paid quarterly which was referred to the Committe on Public Offices

An Invitation was received from Major General Morton to attend a Review of the Corps of Artillery on the 25th Inst at 12 OClock on that day, in front of the City Hall which was accepted.

On motion of the Recorder it was Resolved that a Committe be appointed to make such arrangements for suitable refreshments and entertainments to the Officers on duty on that day as they shall judge proper And the Mayor appointed on that Committe Alderman Taylor Wyckoff Webb

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as p[r] account 10 Inst	92.52
Rec[d] for rents	10.754.06
Streets	3092.29
Auction Sales	10.000.00
Tax 1825. 3d & 9th Wards	2300.00
Tavern Licences $410 Wells & Pumps $100	510.00
Mayoralty fees $188.25 Fines of Attorney $773.50	961.75
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 10th October	3000.00
	30.710.62

The following accounts were audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st District					971.25
[67] Hibbard & Clark	"	2d	"		775.25
Bleakley & Stagg	"	3d	"		750.75
Capt Hibbard Extra Watch 19th Inst					12.00
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qutr Salary 15th Inst					400.00
Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs 1 Qutr	"	14	Inst		300.00
A. B. Martling Keeper City Hall to purchase fuel					150.00
R Graves Street Commissioner on Actt planting trees in park					100.00
J Morton Clerk C C to pay hack hire for Committee &c					37.00
Cyrus Bedell 20 days sunday se[r]vice 5th Ward					30.00
J Bremner C Catherine Market 1 Month 1st Inst					62.00
Wm W Boyd for Inspectors & Clerks Election 1st Ward					66.00
John Oothout	do	do	3d	..	60.00
John Baker	do	do	4th	..	52.00
Geo Conklin	do	do	5th	..	60.00
A Surre	do	do	6th	..	68.00
Abm Dally	do	do	7th	..	60.00
J Aims	do	do	8th	..	60.00
Saml L Thompson	do	do	9th	..	68.00
Reuben Clark	do	do	10th	..	60.00
Daniel Burtinett	do	do	11th	..	60.00
James Flanagan	do	do	12th	..	60.00
Abm Dally for canvassers of Election					36.00
J Sidell First Marshall for Officers Attending Election					260.00
Abm Leggett work at mud Scow 12 days to 20th Novr					162.57
Waldron & Gomez Copper for Mud Scow					37.15
Office Mercantile Advertiser Subscription 1 August 1824 to 1 Inst					125.00

John Faye Attorney of Mary Faye Intestate Estates	1330.21
John Fay Administr of Patrick alias Joseph O Faye do	540.18
Alexander Cascaden Guardian of Thos Faye do	538.18
Jas Hopson Special Justice 1 Qutrs salary 12 Inst.....	400.00
H Abell do do "	400.00
S Ovutt do do "	400.00
[68] S L Hommedieu Clerk Police 1 Qutr 12 Inst.....	312.50
R Stevens Asst Clerk do do	250.00
S L Hommedieu Clerk Police balance Expences of Office 6 Mo 12 Nov.....	28.46
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qutr Salary 12th Inst.....	625.00
R Hatfield Clerk Sessions 1 Qur do do	375.00
R Hatfield to pay witnesses 1 Qur do do	19.25
A Young Rent of Court 4. 6 Wards 1 Qutr 1 Inst.....	32.50
J Howard do 5 8 " " "	25.00
H Tallman Coroners fees 1 Qutr 1st Inst.....	574.18
A Stagg Acct reg & pav Pitt Street from Grand to Stanton Street	656.08
H Smith do do West Street from Murry to Duane	600.00
J Towt & Associates Comrs fees & expences opening Lafayette place	559.00
H Smith bal reg & pav. South Street between James & Catherine Slips	511.53
A Stagg Acct reg & pav pitt Street from Grand to Stanton St	450.00
S Fargay Acct repav Chatham Street from Pearl Street to Tryon Row	350.00
T Cumming Acct reg & pav Arden Street from Herring Street to Church line.....	300.00
H Smith Acct Cross walks 4th Ward.....	150.00
J Pinkerton Acct reg & pav 4th Street from Broadway to 6 Avenue	120.00
C Mooney Acct paving side Walks Chrystie Street from Broome to Delancy St.....	80.00
J Pinkerton bal cross walks 1st Ward.....	68.30
P Fairchild Inspecting paving Streets 1 April 1 Novr.....	378.24
B Prince & Assessors on reg & pav Streets wells & Pumps 1 April to 1 Novr.....	805.50
J McComb repairing Intersections 1st Ward.....	73.83
[69] R Ayres repairing Docks & carting shells from Markets &c:	25.06
John C Tucker repairing Sewer Maiden Lane.....	13.00
T Price ½ Contract building Market at Catherine Slip.....	1850.00
J Gallagher Junr 1st payt Well Suffolk near Stanton Street	52.00
J Gallagher Junr 1 payt Well Amity near Thompson Street	48.75
R Pettigrew balance Well Eldridge near Stanton Street...	78.37
Geo Lovett bal Bulk head Rivington & Stanton Streets....	1646.62
Geo: Lovett Acct building Bulk head Grand St Slip.....	600.00
Geo: Lovett Corporation part do	221.00

R Graves Street Com^{r} for repairs Roads.....	800.00	
J. P Roome Superd^{t} Repairs for Markets.....	2154.00	
J. P. Roome do " for Fire Department.....	900.00	
J P Roome do for Alms House.....	250.00	
J P Roome do for Pump Department.....	200.00	
J P Roome do for Lamp Dep^{t}.....	200.00	
R Riker Chairman Commite Canal Celebration.....	2500.00	
A Burtis Superd^{t} Alms House.....	3300.00	
		30.674.71
Balance		$35.91

[70] Special Meeting In Common Council November 28th 1825

Present The Honb^{l} William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Sam^{el} S^{t} John
Elisha W King	Philip Hone
W^{m} H Ireland	Josiah Hedden
Samuel Cowdrey	Dan^{ll} E Dunscomb
Mathew Reed	W^{m} P Rathbone
Jacob B Taylor	
Gideon Ostrander	

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with

The Mayor stated that he had called this meeting at the request of M^{r} Assistant Dunscomb for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of showing public Marks of respect to the remains of Commodore M^{c}Donough lately deceased and which have been brought to this City to be conveyed to Middletown in the State of Connecticut to be Interred.

M^{r} Dunscomb rose and after making a just and appropriate Eulogium on the Public services and Private virtues of the deceased presented the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted.*

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* No entry.—Ed.

[72] In Common Council December 5th 1825

Present The Honbl William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	Wm Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Shieffelin
	Wm P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last regular and special Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of John Van Waggoner for office of Inspector of Fire wood

A Petition of John Phyfe for same office and

A Petition of John P Ebbets for same office were read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips The Committe were afterwards discharged therefrom on the reading of the Report of the said Committe and their reasons were read on the Board going into a Ballot for appointments to said Office

A Petition of Robert McEvers for relief from [73] penalty incurred by selling liquor without licence was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

An application of Doctor Stephen Brown Consulting Surgeon of the Alms House and Penitentiary for an allowance for Extra Services during the prevalence of the late epidemic in those Institutions was read and referred to the Committe of the Alms House

A Petition of James Woodham for relief from an Assessment of Personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of Merchants, Ship owners and Ship masters requesting that the Ballast Lightermen of the Port of New York may be regulated by an Ordinance of the Corporation was read and referred to the Law Committe

A Petition of the Superintendant of the Mud Machine praying that pay may be allowed to him during the winter season was read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Remonstrance against widening and improving Henry Street was read and laid on the table it was afterwards called up and referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Lewis A Barte for office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition from Alex^{r} Clark for relief from a personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committe on Assessments

[74] A Petition of Edward Patterson was received stating that he purchased a Waggon at Public Auction from Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs and a suit has been since commenced against him and he has had to pay costs and praying relief which was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of C A Tripler for Stall N^{o} 3 Franklin Market was referred to the Market Committe

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had received from Mess^{rs} Renwick Swift & Adrain Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads several Maps and Plans describing the levels of the Streets and of the grounds to be sunk and raised—Whereupon the said Maps and Plans were referred to the Street Committe

An account of Thomas Vibber for refreshments furnished to Jurors was refferred to the Sheriff of the City and County of New York

A Petition of James OBrian for Licence as a Pedlar was received and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition

His Honor the Mayor stated that this being the day agreeably to the Charter to appoint the High Constable of the City of New York he had appointed Jacob Hays to that Office who had taken before him the oath prescribed by Law

A Report from the Commissioners of School money on the subject of an Award made relative to [75] the proportion of Bethel Church to said School money was referred to the Law Committe

A Petition of Evert Barkeloo Lessee of Lot at Brooklyn on the Easterly side of Main (now Fulton Street) for leave to assign the Lease to Philip J Arcularius was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Robert Ferguson for an Advance of part of the Contract for filling up Houston Street was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Thomas H Smith and others for a delay of sixty days in adopting the Report of the Commissioners to establish permenant regulations South of 34th Street was read and referred to the Street Committe

The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of William A C Thompson for relief from personal tax reported in his favor a follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Petitio of William A G Thompson in relation to an erroneous Assessmen on his personal estate, respectfully report that from the deposition o the party thus assessed and the certificate of the Assessors it appear to the satisfaction of the Committe that instead of the Assessment o $5000 it ought to have been no more than two thousand dollars bein the amount of the personal estate of the Petitioner

The Committe offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the Third Ward b directed to collect the amount of Tax receiveable upon an Assessmen of [76] Two thousand dollars on the personal estate of William A C Thompson

J Hedden
Henry J Wyckoff
S Cowdrey
Signed D E Dunscomb

The Committe on Lands and places to whom was referred th subject of forming a Public place or square on the grounds used fo the Public Workshops reported against the same as follows

The Committe on Lands and Places beg leave respectfully t report that they have duly considered the annexed Resolutions on th subject of laying out a Public square on what was formerly called th Collect that they do not consider it expedient to adopt such resolutio because the ground in question is occupied by the Superintendant o Repairs, and from its situation in the centre of the City, will alway be a most eligible and desirable situation for the Public Yard, that i all probability the buildings on such ground will not be much extende or increased at any time and that consequently the health of that par of the City, will be as well preserved by using said premises as a Public Yard as by appropriating them to the purpose of a Publi Square

That your Committe deem it inexpedient to Resolve to make sai premises a Public Square as soon as the removal of the present work of the Corporation can conveniently be effected, because they thin that such removal of the Public Yard cannot conveniently be effecte in many years, if ever and because such resolution would be merel nugatory, inasmuch as any [77] succeeding Corporation may repeal i

Impressed as your Committe are with the idea that the said plac

will for very many years, if not always, be the most eligible place for the Superintendant of repairs, they cannot but think it is highly improper to make a pledge that after such use can be conveniently dispensed with, *the* [it] shall be forever appropriated as a Public square, and for no other purpose—inasmuch likewise as such a pledge would imply that the Common Council would make exertions to dispense with the further use of the premises as a Public Yard—This your Committe think cannot and ought not to be done, because the premises ought to continue to be used for the public purposes to which they are now appropriated

Your Committe do not deem it proper to adopt the second Resolution, because it pledges the Corporation as soon as Circumstances will permit, to purchase from the State on reasonable terms, the Arsenal block of Ground, to be also made a part of the proposed public Square

The property occupied as a Public Yard is of great Value, and the Arsenal lot, owned by the State, is also very valuable, Is it expedient to pledge this Board to relinquish the one, or to make a purchase of the other from the State? Your Committe think that it is not, and under all the circumstances of the case, it would be inexpedient to adopt the proposed resolution

Sam^{el} S^{t} John
Henry J Wyckoff
W^{m} Burtsell
Gideon Ostrander
E Sheiffelin

Which being read was accepted and approved

[78] The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred a Resolution respecting removing the sick from the Alms House to the Fever Hospital and appropriating the Hospital for the accommodation of the Children of the Establishment presented the following Report which was approved and adopted

To the Hon the Corporation of the City of New York

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred a resolution of your Board relating to the Fever Hospital, and also the Hospitals attached to the Alms House have taken the same into consideration and respectfully present the following report

When the building of the Fever Hospital was commenced, it was deemed proper to allot a portion thereof for the use of insane paupers

the two lower stories have accordingly, been fitted up for this purpose, these however being considered subject to removal in the event of fever, to some other place—The sick from the Hospitals will nearly fill the remainder of the building The commissioners think well of the arrangement proposed, more especially, as by the late Alteration in the law of the Legislature relating to the poor, great numbers from different parts of the State have been, and will doubtless continue to be crowded on us, and we having no authority to cause their removal to their place of settlement

They therefore recommend that the sick of the small Hospitals be removed to the Fever Hospital; and that the children in the Alms House occupy their place in the small Hospitals; the boys to be allotted to one and the girls to the other.

By the division of the sexes, it is thought much good may be expected and the demoralising effects [79] prevented, which too often are produced by their promiscuous intercourse; And by the general arrangement, the aged and infirm will be relieved from a great part of the inconvenience they now experience and in the main made much more comfortable

It may not be improper to observe that should the plan proposed be adopted

The Fever Hospital will have about 100 Insane
and 150 Sick persons
And the Small Hospitals will be occupied by about 350 to 400 Children

John Targee
Peter Stagg
New York Dec^{r} 3. 1825 Th R Smith
J. J Westervelt
Signed Arthur Burtis

The Committe on the Fever Hospital on the Petition of the executors of Doctor Belden for compensation for his services reported in favor as follows

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom the foregoing petition was referred. Report. the late Doctor C Belden did perform valuable professional services in the Alms House and Penitentiary during the late Epidemic to which he fell a victim. At a time when upwards of three hundred paupers and prisoners were sick, the resident Physician was in consequence of ill health incapable of Attending to them Doctor Belden with the approbation of your Committe

assisted the Resident Surgeon in his Arduous duties for above one Month For which your Committe are of opinion his representatives ought to receive One hundred Dollars and for that purpose your Com-
[80] mitte recommend the Adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Representatives of the late Doctor Belden be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars for the Medical Services of the deceased at Be[l]vue during the late Epedemic And that the Comptroller report a Warrant for the same New York Dec^{r} 3^{d} 1825

Henry J Wyckoff
Jacob B Taylor
E W King
Signed Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred back their report on the petition of Tucker and Westervelt Reported. the former report was as follows

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred the petition of Gideon Tucker and William Westerfield accompanied by an account against the Board amounting to $844 $^{81}/_{100}$ which they alledge to make for not being furnished (agreeably to the Contract for building the Fever Hospital) with Convicts as Labourers in the erection of said building—Report that they have had the parties before them and examined into their claim, and after duly considering the same are not a little surprised that it should be persisted in by the petitioners Your Committe admit that in their Contract with the builders they agreed to furnish them with as many Convicts as they might require as Labourers at 44 Cents p^{r} day which your Committe was ready at all times to Comply with had they been demanded particularly as the prisoners were much less profitably employed for the benefit of the Public—Your Committe frequently enquired of the Superintendant of the Alms House why the [81] Contractors did not employ the convicts his reply was, they did not want them and at another time that the Masons and other Laborers refused to work with the prisoners, the first intimation your Committe ever had that the Contractors made any Demand of the kind was the presentment of their account the contractors do not pretend that they ever demanded them from the Committe the Commissioners of the Alms House or the Superintendant of the Alms House, but say they made frequent demands on M^{r} Hoogland who was employed by your Committe merely to inspect the work as it progressed

Under all the circumstances of this case your Committe are decidedly of opinion that the demand of the Contractors ought not to be admitted or paid, they therefore beg leave to offer the annexed resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to allow any part of the account exhibited against this Board by the petitioners for not being furnished with Convicts as Laborers

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
Wm A Davis
Signed E W King

The report of this day was as follows

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred back their report on the petition of G Tucker and William Westervelt who prayed the payment of an account presented by them of $844 $^{81}/_{100}$ for not being furnished convicts as laborers on the building of the Fever Hospital agreeable to the Contract made with them. And also a second petition of the same party proposing to submit their demand to arbitration Report that they have further investigated the subject referred to them, and made enquiry of the remain- [82] ing Commissioners of the Alms House, who say that no demand was ever made for Convicts as laborers and that they the Commissioners were at all times not only ready to furnish them but desirous to do so and were informed that they were not wanted, as the Masons and other laborers would not work with them. Your Committe therefore after mature deliberation perceive no just cause to alter their former report wherein they deny the petitioners right to any claim on the Board for the account presented Therefore it would be manifestly improper to comply with the wish of the petitioners to submit their demand to arbitration, as thereby it might imply their having a Claim which is not admitted by your Committe they therefore submit to the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
Signed E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Repairs on the Petition of James Amorry reported as follows

The Committe on Repairs to whom was referred the annexed Petition of James Amorry requesting the Corporation of this City to unite with him in making a partition Wall between his premises and Lot N° 110 of the Common Lands Report that they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that it would be for the interest of this Corporation to dispose of the Fee of the said Lot [83] it being wholly unproductive and incapable of being made otherwise being little else than a huge mass of Rock and that the proportion of the fence to be made and kept in repair would nearly equal in expence the value of the ground to this Board they would therefore recommend that the subject be referred to the Finance Committe with power to dispose of the said Lot in such way as shall be for the interest of this Corporation accordingly they submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the subject of the foregoing report be referred to the Finance Committe with power to sell Lot No 110 of the Common lands if in their opinion it shall be for the interest of this Board so to do

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant so much of the prayer of the Petitioner as respects the building a Well near his premises on the Commons.

Gideon Ostrander
John Webb
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of the Health Officer and Commissioners to build a Boat house reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed petition of the Commissioners of Health for permission to erect a Boat House over a part of the White Hall Slip for the accomodation of their Barges Report, that in their opinion such building is necessary for the accomodation of that department and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Commissioners of Health be permitted to erect a House over that part of the White Hall Slip north of and adjoining the Atalanta Steam [84] Boat office, provided, they will make such Arrangements with the Lessee of Public Slips as shall exonerate this Common Council from all claims such lessee might have on them b

reason of such permission to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner

John Webb
John Agnew
Wm H Ireland
Asa Mann
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Watch Committe on the Petition of Thomas Walton late Captain of the City Watch to be remunerated for expences incurred in discharge of his Official duties reported in his favor as follows

The Watch Committe to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Walton claiming compensation for Extra services rendered while acting as one of the Captains of the first District Watch. Report

That your Committe have made proper inquiry into all the Facts set forth in his petition, and State that while in the discharge of his duties as Captain of the Watch, it became necessary to arrest and confine in the Watch House a number of Persons for making Riots in the Streets

And in several instances suits were commenced against the petitioner, wherein the damage allowed by the Jury together with the Costs of Court amounted to about $200 as will appear by his deposition and Certificates accompanying this Report—Your Committe are of opinion, that in the above cases Capt Walton did [85] not go beyond the line of his duty, and that he ought to receive some Remuneration, they therefore offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Thomas Walton for the sum of $200.

Jameson Cox
Wm Burtsell
New York 5th Decr Philip Hone
Josiah Hedden
Signed Wm P Rathbone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips on the several petitions referred to them for Office of Inspector of Fire Wood presented the following Report

The Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Wm D Sloan Isaac Paul Francis Colgate Moses G

Dean, Thomas Conrey Issachar Cousins and William Riker to be appointed Inspectors of Fire wood Respectfully Report—That there is a Vacancy in the 12th District occasioned by the Death of Cornelius C Myers also A vacancy in the 13th District occasioned by the death of John Johnson—His Honor the Mayor has authorised Isaac Paul to act in the 12th District and Wm D Sloan to act in the 13th District untill new appointments should take place They therefore offer the following Resolutions

1st Resolved that Isaac Paul be and is hereby appointed Inspector of Fire wood for the Twelfth District

2d Resolved that William D Sloan be and is hereby [86] appointed Inspector of fire wood for the Thirteenth district

John Webb
John Agnew
Mth Reed
Asa Mann
Decem 5. 1825 Wm H Ireland

Mr Dunscomb moved that the board now proceed to ballot for persons to fill the vacancies which was agreed to—and the board accordingly proceeded to ballot when Isaac Paul was chosen for the 12th District and William D Sloan for the 13th District and it was Resolved that Isaac Paul be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Fire wood for the 12th District and that Wm D Sloan be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Fire Wood for the 13th District

The Police Committe on the Petition referred to them against the Ringing of the Steam Boat bells presented the following Report together with a Law which Report was adopted and the Law passed under the Title of "a Law to regulate the Ringing of Boat bells and for other purposes" and was directed to be published in the Papers employed by the Board

The Police Committe to whom the annexed Remonstrance against the Practice of Ringing Steam Boat Bells was Referred

Respectfully Report

That they have heard the parties interested or such of them as attended on notice and after due consideration your Committe are of the opinion that the evil complained of is very great and calls for the immediate and effectual interferance of this Board and the Committe [87] are happy to say that this opinion was fully concurred in by su of the Steam Boat Agents as attended before them

Your Committe have caused a bill to be prepared by the Counsel which they beg leave to offer for the consideration of this Board

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Bolton
S Cowdrey
Samel St John
J Hedden

The Committe on the Fever Hospital on the Resolution to alter the name of the Fever Hospital reported as follows

The Committe on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred a resolution proposing to alter the name of the Fever Hospital to that of City Hospital

Report that they have had the subject under Consideration and are of opinion that the name of Fever Hospital is inapplicable to the use which the new Building at Belvue is intended to be applied, And that a more appropriate name should be adopted—The only objection which can be made to the name proposed by the resolution is that it is so near the name of the Hospital in Broadway as may lead to embarrassment

There appears to be nothing in the act under which this Hospital was erected to prevent the Common Council from adopting any name they may select

Your Committe with a view to distinguish this Hospital from the other recommend that it be called the Belvue Hospital and to that end they offer the following Resolution

[88] Resolved that the Building lately erected at Belvue, and intended as a Hospital shall hereafter be called and known by the name of the Belvue Hospital

All which is respectfully submitted

Henry J Wyckoff
E W King
Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Laws presented the following Report respecting a Memorial to the Legislature with a corresponding bill annexed from the Free School Society of New York

The Committe on Laws have the satisfaction to lay before the Common Council the Memorial of the Free School Society of New York to the Legislature of this State with the draft of a bill for the

establishment of Public Schools in this City These papers have been submitted to the Commissioners of the Common School fund, and as your Committe are informed have received the unanimous sanction of each of these respectable bodies

By the establishment of Public Schools, the great and interesting subject of Education, and its intimate relation to and connexion with the happiness and prosperity of the rising generation will be brought before the community at large and made an object of general solicitude and patronage The children also, those inestimable objects of individual attachment and concern and who are to be the future men [and] women of our Country will be taken in a practical and efficient sense under the Public Guardianship while at School and thus be made the recipients of all that parental affection and care can [89] bestow on the one hand, and of the best public regard on the other, and will be simultaneously instructed in their private and public duties

Many of the evils that now exist in the systems, and books of instruction, in our ordinary schools will be obviated, and the opposite advantages substituted in their place by the employment in the Public Schools of experienced well informed and liberal minded teachers who alone can expect to be called into their service, and who in return for the capacity active exertions and real public usefulness, may entertain the assurance of just and ample remuneration Men of this discription having talents of the highest order, with minds expanded and enlarged by useful science, and extensive observation and whose habits correspond with the dignity and importance of their profession, and who shall enter with zeal and a determination to become useful upon the performance of their duties, will cause the general business of Instruction to become what it ought to be a pleasant employment to themselves and every way agreeable and profitable to their pupils

Under the operation of such establishments the invaluable object of a plain elementary and virtuous education will be rendered attainable by each individual of the rising generation in this City and every parent will be left without excuse if it is not received in the utmost amplitude and Copiousness to which it may be extended and of which the minds of his Children are capable. And the further anticipation may be entertained that the immense population which this City is destined to contain, will experience the meliorating and benignant effects of early systematic and usefull instruction in a ratio proportioned to its increasing numbers and wants

In the hope that effects like these may [90] be developed by means of the improvement now in view and in favor of which this Board has

already expressed its opinion in the most plain and unequivocal form on a previous report of this Committe

Your Committe beg leave respectfully to recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the memorial to the Legislature of this State and the Draft of a Bill prepared by the Trustees of the Free school Society and sanctioned by the Commissioners of the Common School fund for the establishment of Public or Common Schools in this City be and the same are hereby approved by this Board Respectfully subbitted

S Cowdrey
E W King
Thos Bolton

Whereupon the same were approved and the Mayor was requested to authenticate them during the recess of the Board

The Report of the Street Committe on the Petition for opening Henry Street which was laid for consideration was called up and referred together with the remonstrance presented this meeting to the Street Committe

The Attorney presented the following Report upon Captains who had neglected to make report of Alien Passengers

The Attorney respectfully reports that Captain Isley of the Brig Martha Captain Keer of the Columbian Schooner General Vendeneta Captain Sawyer of the Schooner Volante, and Captain Myrich of the Ship William Wallace [91] have been severally written to for not reporting their passengers since which time they have severally made report and paid the Costs.

The remission of these penalties is therefore respectfully recommended

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Whereupon the penalties were remitted

The Counsel presented a Deed of Cession from Benjn L Benson to the Mayor &c of parts of certain Avenues and Streets in the 12th Ward of the *of the* City of New York which Cession was accepted and the Comptroller was directed to cause the same to be recorded in the Registers Office in the City of New York

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for the sewer in Canal Street no objections having been made thereto together with Maps accompanying the same Whereupon the Assessment and the

Maps were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the Assessment

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Return of Delinquents on Assessments

The Street Commission herewith presents a return of delinquents on Sundry Assessments in order that warrants may issue to Noah Jarvis the Collector

Respectfully submitted

R Graves
St[t] Commissioner

Assessment for paving Arden Street
do for Opening Mulberry Street
do for *Revaping* [Repaving] Intersection of the Bowery & 1[st] Street
[92] do for Paving West Street
do for Well & Pump in Warren Street
for Well & Pump in Cornelia Street
for Well & Pump in LeRoy Street

Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Noah Jarvis to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance for flagging the walk on the Northerly side of Water Street from Pike to Rutgers Street which was passed and Abraham Dally Abraham Baudouine [& James Bleeker] were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner recommended the appointing an Assessor on the Ordinance for building the sewer and regulating and Paving Broad Street in the place of Benjamin Prince whose indisposition prevented his acting

Whereupon Abraham Baudoine was appointed in the place of Benjamin Prince

[93] The Following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies and the resignations were accepted

Fire Engine Company
N[o] 2

Edward W Lyon—Guilder 119 Division Street
V[c] William Uested Resigned

N[o] 3.

James Rush—no Occupation Cor of Chesnut & Oak Street
V[c] William Cargill Time expired

James Swaine—Cabinet Maker Broad Street
V[c] Joseph Isaacs—Resigned

N° 4

William H Sackett Chair Maker 48 Beach Street
V^c Richard J Thorne—Resigned
William F Micheau—Carpenter 209 William Street
V° William F Micheau to fill his own Vacancy

N° 5

John Colby—Smith 48 Gold Street V^c Samuel Y Coles—Resigned

N° 6

James *Garbet* [Gurbet] Cabinet Maker 79 Chapel Street
V^c Samuel Moore Resigned

N° 7

John C Hedenbergh Chair Maker 349 Pearl St^t
V^c Otis Harrington Resigned
James Kearney Sadler Beaver Lane V^c John Jarvis Resigned

N° 10

Daniel M^cCarthy—H Carpenter 265 Mott Street
V^c Abraham Lent—Left the City
Daniel Nash—B Smith Arundel near Rivington Street
V^c Benjamin Bedell Resigned

[94] N° 11

Louis Mallard Hatter 77 Barclay Street
V^c Samuel B Warner Resigned

N° 13

Joseph Pollock—scrivner 108 Catherine Street
V^c Gerard Aycrigg Appointed Warden

N° 20

Edward Kearney Sadler Reed Street
V^c James Stewart Joined another C°
Hiram Hammond Sadler Fulton Street
V^c Andrew Kerney Resigned
Jacob S Beekman—Carpenter N° 8 Grand Street
V^c Tho^s J Mingus Resigned
William L Churchwell Carpenter Broome Street
V^c Jacob Smith Joined another C°
Odle Trenchard—Shoemaker Corner of John & Cliff Street
To Supply a Vacancy

N° 21

William B Ferguson Chairmaker 66 Harman Street
V^c Richard Morrell Resigned

N° 23

John Westervelt Grocer 36 Reed Street
Vc John C Woodruff—Resigned

N° 29

Isaac Clark—Carpenter Sullivan near Huston Street
Vc James Buckland Resigned

Albert Van Buskirk—Mason c Greenwich & Charles
Vc Jacob Vansaan Resigned

N° 33

William Travis—Ship Carpenter c Mangin & Lewis
Vc Azariah Jones—Time expired

N° 36

George A Harriot—H Carpenter 8 Charlton Street
Vc Abm Vanderwort Time expired

[95] N° 41

George A Lake—Mason 56 Suffolk near 10th Street
Vc Samuel M Way—Time expired

Hook & Ladder Co

N° 1

Alpheus Johnson—Cabinet Maker 53 Broad Street
To fill the Company

The following Resignations from

Fire Engine Company
No 28.
William Delemater

N° 24

Jacob Wardell	Samuel B Combs
George Hegeman	Jesse West
	Richard Eldridge

N° 18

Scott H Bowne	Oliver Hull
Benjamin C Valentine	William Cromwell

The City Inspectors ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

N°	1	D Hagerty	owner	N° 100	Anthony Street	A privy
	2	Pr Ogilvie	Do	102	do	do
	3	Do	Do	106	do	Do
	4	do	Do	108	do	do

5	D Dougherty	Lessee		109	Anthony Street	A privy
6	Mrs Benson	Owner		111	Do	Do
7	John McKinley	Do		112	Do	Do
8	G Lorillard	Do		113	Do	Do
9	L Fisher	Do		126	Do	Do
10	G De Grass	Do		127	Do	Do
11	G Johnson	Lessee		131	Do	Do
12	Js Ridgeway	owner		138	Do	Do
13	[96] Jno R Livingston	Do		141	Do	Do
14	Cs Moon	Do		143	do	Do
15	G Janeway	Do	No	34	Augustus Street	Do
16	L Miller	Do		52	Do	Do
17	G B Abell	Do		53	Do	Do
18	Do	Do		55	do	do
19	J Appelby	Do	No	64	Bayard Street	do
20	J. Stout	Do		106	Do	do
21	R Yenny	Do		108	Do	do
22	Wm D Blackwell	Do	No	428	Broadway	do
23	Do	Do		430	do	do
24	B Fagan	Do	No	60	Cross street	do
25	Jno R Livings[ton]	Do		62	Do	do
26	Wm McIlwain	Do	No	47	Elizabeth Street	do
27	Do	Do		49	Do	Do
28	L Pittman	Do		171	Hester Street	Do
29	M Deforest	Do		172	Do	Do
30	J Culbert	Do		195	Do	Do
31	A Blackledge	Do		209	Do	Do
32	E Clark	Do	No	96	Leonard Street	Do
33	J Gilmartin	Do		98	do	Do
34	A Baldwin	Do		118	Do	Do
35	G Lorillard	Do		134	do	do
36	Do	Do		144	do	do
37	*E Garrard* [J Gerard]	Do		144	do	do
38	G Lorrillard	Do		148	do	do
39	J French	Do		152	Do	do
40	Sl Weeks	Do		45	Mott Street	do
41	Ld Fisher	do		56	Do	do
42	A Osburn	do		62	Do	do
43	Gt Byrne	do		81	do	do
44	Noah Jarvis	Agent		127	do	do
45	M Reynolds	owner	No	8	Mulberry Street	do
46	[97] Jno H Smith	Lessee		12	do	do
47	*J* [T] Bashford	owner		17	do	do
48	N Concklin	Agent		37	do	do
49	J Wood	owner		66	do	do
50	Do	Do		68	do	do
51	*J Mechin* [T Meehan]	Do		79	Do	Do
52	R Pickens	Do		85	do	do
53	T Mooney	Do		95	do	do

54	J Branden	owner		103	Mulberry Street	A privy
55	J Webster	do		199	Do	Do
56	S P Barden	do	No	104	Orange Street	Do
57	M Hoffman	Do	No	476	Pearl Street	Do
58	G Lorrillard	Do		498	do	do
59	S Parker	Do		508	do	do
60	J Silcox	Lessee		530	do	do
61	J Owens	owner		532	do	do
62	Do	Do		534	do	do
63	D W Raymer	Do	No	98	Pump Street	do
64	J Fountain	Do	No	102	do	do
65	C Dusenbury	Do	No	106	Do	Do
66	Presbn Refd Church	Do	No	23	Reed Street	Do
67	W Alburtis	Do		27	Do	Do
68	A Campbell	Do	No	7	Republican Alley	Do
69	Rt B Gordon	Do		Little Water & Anthony St		Do
70	J K Vanderbilt	Lessee	No	68	William Street	Do
71	Hy Remsen	owner			Bancker Street	A Lot
72	W B Crosby	do			Do	Do
73	P Smith	Do			Do	Do

Geo. Cumming
City Inspector

5 Decemr 1825

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following resolution which was adopted

[98] Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to number Pearl Street from the Battery to Broadway

He also presented the following which was referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital

Resolved that it be referred to the Committe on the Fever Hospital to consider and report whether any and if any what increase of compensation ought to be allowed to the clerk of the Alms House and from what time such compensation ought to be made

Mr Schieffelin presented a Resolution respecting opening 32d Street from the Hudson River to the 10th Avenue which was read and laid for consideration

Mr Burtsell presented a Resolution to cause Forest Trees to be planted in Duane Park which was adopted and powers given to the Committe on Lands & places to carry it into effect

Alderman King presented the following respecting mourning for Commodore McDonough

Resolved that as a testimony of the high estimation in which this Common Council held the public services and private virtues of the late Capt Thomas McDonough of the United States Navy and

testimony of the respect due to his memory the members of this Boar will wear Crape on the left arm for thirty days

Which was adopted and ordered to be published in the Pape employed by the Board

[99] Alderman Reed presented a Resolution to change the name c Pump Street to Walker Street which was referred to the Stre Committe

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was referred t the Street Committe

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committe to examin and report their opinion on regulating and paving Hudson Street fro Christopher to Hammond Street

Alderman Ostrander presented the following which was referre to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks in Chrystie Street from Delanc Street to Rivington Street be laid with flagging and that the Stre Commissioner be authorised to carry the same into effect

Alderman Ostrander also presented the following which wa referred to the Street Commissioner

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Resolved that the side walks in Broome Street from the Bowe to Arundel Street be laid with flagging and that the Street Commi sioner be authorised to carry the same into effect

[100] An account of George B Smith *of George B Smith* fc refreshments furnished to a Jury was presented and referred to th Sheriff

The Recorder presented the following Letter which he had receive from General La Fayette together with the accompanying Resolutio

Resolved that the following Letter from General La Fayette b engrossed in the Book now in the archives of the Common Council ar that the original be put upon the files of the Board

La Grange October 12th 1825

My Dear Sir

Altho the tribute of my gratitude has been offered to you by th two kind Bearers of the new favor which the representatives c the City of New York have deigned to confer on me I take the fir

La grange. October 12th 1825

My dear Sir

At this the Tribute of My Gratitude Has Been offered to You By the two kind Bearers of the New favor which the Representation of the City of Newyork Have deigned to Confer upon me, I take the first Opportunity after my Landing on the European Shore to Expres once more the High Sense I Have of this most Gratifying Mark of Kindness. The testimonies of affection and Esteem With which it Has Been my Happy lot to Be Honoured By the People Have Been for Ever Engraved in my Heart. But while it pleases the Corporation of the City to Have them so Beautifully preserved on their Records. and to favor me With a Copy of the splendid Work, I find in it a Complement of My Obligation to You for Which I Beg You to present the Respected Mayor and all gentlemen of the Corporation With my Respectful acknowledgments.

Our passage to Havre Has Been Very Expeditious; Your many Friends to the Ade and kind Captain; the officers, Midship men, and Crew Have given me Every Motive for My Attachment to Them, and My old Admiration for the American Navy.

I Have come Directly to La grange Where I am surrounded By My family and many friends. Be pleased to Mention me and My two Companions Very affectionately at Home and With the friends to Whom I cannot write this time, and Receive the Expression of My Most Sincere affection and Respect

Lafayette

This remarkable document was found among loose papers in the custody of the City Clerk, and is reproduced here for the first time. As a guest of the Republic, Lafayette visited the United States in 1824-5. Reference to his reception and visit in New York is made in vol. XIII, pp. 774-5 and vol. XIV, pp. 24-6, 86, 97, 123 and 314. The above letter written on his return to France was addressed to Ri Riker, Recorder of the Common Council. It is recorded in these minutes on 64-5.—Ed.

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Our passage to Havre has been very expeditious I owe many thanks to the able and kind Captain the Officers Midshipmen and Crew have given me every [101] motive for my attachment to them and my old Admiration for the American Navy

I come directly to La Grange where I am surrounded by my family and many friends, be pleased to mention me and my two companions very affectionately at home and with the friends to whom I cannot write this time and receive the expression of my most sincere affection and respect

La Fayette

Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be tendered to Peter A Cowdrey & Edmund Morton Esquires for the very handsome manner in which they executed the wishes of this Board in presenting to General La Fayette the duplicate tribute of respect confided to their care, and that the Clerk furnish to each of them a copy of this resolution and that this resolution be also engrossed in the Book immediately after the Generals letter

The Recorder also presented the following which was adopted and a Warrant directed to be reported

Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the chairman of the La Fayette Committe for Nineteen hundred and twenty $^{41}/_{100}$ dollars being the Balance of all accounts

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following Resolution

The Committe appointed by this board to receive and entertain General La Fayette having officially announced his safe return to his native Country in the Frigate Brandywine dispatched by the President for his [102] accommodation and the several visits of that illustrious friend of Liberty to this City during his stay in the United States having afforded to our Inhabitants frequent and delightful opportunities of intercourse with him of admiring his fortitude magnanimity and elevation of character and of catching from his lips those sublir sentiments of devotion to the cause of freedom which prompted

to sustain the hazards of our Revolutionary contest with his fortune— and his blood and which still impart to his venerated character and person their peculiar dignity and gracefulness and it having been the happy Lot of the constituted authorities and of the Inhabitants of our City, in common with every other section and portion of our Country and fellow citizens by the bestowment of public and merited honors upon a Guest so distinguished and beloved, to assist in reanimating the sentiment of Gratitude, under which we are placed to the founders of our Independance and in some degree to obliterate the customary reproach of Republics in this respect—And the said Committe having on the before mentioned visit of General La Fayette to this City performed their several delicate and arduous duties with honor to themselves with advantage to our City and to the satisfaction of this Board therefore

Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the said Committe for the faithful discharge of their important and responsible trust, that this Resolution be enrolled in the Book giving an account of the visit of General La Fayette to the United States and that a Copy be furnished by the Clerk to each member of the said Committe

Which was adopted

[103] The Recorder presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Chairman of the Committe of the Canal Celebration, for Five thousand Five hundred dollars to enable the Committe to close all accounts against the Corporation in relation thereto

Alderman Cowdrey from the Committe on Laws presented a Communication on the subject of Titles to Real Estates stating that the period prescribed by the statute of Limitations should be shortened that some of the present disabilities in the way of the operation of that statute shoul[d] be removed and that the registering the whole Deed was expensive and oppressive and recommending a reference of the subject to the Members of Assembly from this City—the same having been read it was resolved that the same be referred to the Committe on Laws with a request to report a suitable memorial to the Legislature and a bill corresponding therewith

The Comptroller presented the following report

Balance as p[r] Act. 21 Nov[r]	35.91
Rec[d] for Tax of 1825. 1[st] 9[th] Wards	16.300.00
for Streets	5.318.12
Rents	1380.70

Rec[d] for Police Offices 1066.41 Justices Courts 530.04.....	1596.45
Wells & Pumps.....	296.30
Clerk sessions fees &c. 157.94 Sherrif fine 91.06.....	249.00
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 10[th] October balance.....	3000.00
	28.176.48

He presented the following account which were *aduited* [audited] and ordered to be paid

[104] Conklin & Blauvelt. Watch 1[st] District.....	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2[d] "	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg do 3[d] "	750.75
Geo: Cumming City Inspector 1 Qu[r] Salary 1[st] Inst[t].....	200.00
Talman J Waters Clerk Compt[s] Office 1 Qu[r] 24 Nov[r].....	200.00
Cornelius Myers Keeper of Potters field 1 Mo 1 Inst[t]....	67.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers " "	60.
Ob[h] Ayres Ass[t] City Inspector " "	45.50
John Coffin do " "	45.50
R Jaques Street Inspector 1[st] Ward " "	33.75
P Wright do 2[d] " "	33.75
T Jeroliman do 3[d] " "	33.75
N B Lyon do 4 " "	33.75
I A Isaacs Do 5 " "	33.75
J M Thomas Do 6 " "	33.75
B Fuller Do 7 " "	33.75
S Hutchings Do 8 " "	33.75
D Hubbard Do 10 " "	33.75
C Gilman Keeper Battery " "	30.
A M[c]Cready Keeper Park " "	30.
R Graves Street Com[r] Acc[t] Trees Park & Battery &c.....	250.
T Cornell T Parker & C Crane 105 days Sunday service 6 Ward	157.50
Sam[el] Kip Jun[r] sundry Groceries 25 Nov[r].....	81.86
J Hays & officers attending City Hall on visit of the President U S.....	13.50
Moses Burns services & Ass[t] Waiters 25 Nov[r].....	8.00
B Hicks board of health 1 Month 1 Inst[t]....	45.50
J Pinkney do " "	45.50
L Baum Clerk Washington Market " "	74.17
J *Bremen* [Bremner] Catherine do " "	60.00
J Gilbert 3 Markets " "	49.00
P Ammerman 3 Markets " "	48.50
[105] G Duryea Clerk of Fulton Market " "	41.67
R Smith do Franklin " "	37.50
I Asten sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59
Geo: B Thorp Keeper City prison & dep[ys] 1 Qu[r] Sal 1 Nov[r]	450.00
John J Howe Physician do 1 Qu[r] "	75.00
Tho[s] A Ronalds Inspectors & Clerks Election 2[d] Ward....	52.00
John Campbell Clerk 5. 8 Wards 1 Qu[r] Salary 1 Nov.....	187.50

J Hays for Officers extra service Police 1 Qu[r] 26 Nov....	216.34
J Hays conveying persons to City Prison 1 Qu[r] 1 Nov.....	163.00
J Hays do do Penitentiary 1 Qu[r] 26 Nov[r]..	24.50
I A Isaacs Clerk issuing Tavern Licences.....	65.49
Ab[m] Leggett work at Mud Scow 12 days to 4[th] Inst.....	138.94
Abel Hardenbrook for Engines & repairs 1 May 1820 to 1 March 1821 balance in full.....	313.58
N Comstock 34 Casks Oil.....	2270.10
G Snether[n] lighting lamps 1 M[o] 1 Inst.....	925.91
R Provoost repairing lamps " "	113.48
J Johnson & H Bailey Assessors 1 Ward Tax 1825 & Jury list	310.00
J Drake & J Leonard do 2[d] " " "	310.00
J Graham & N C Griffiths do 3 " " "	310.00
L Seymour & S Leggett do 4[th] " " "	310.00
L Warner & J B Schmelzel do 5 " " "	300.00
C M[c]Lean & J J Lockwood do 6 " " & Jury list	350.00
J W Tuthill & C Fordham do 7 " " "	310.00
G Coutant & H Howard do 8 " " "	350.00
J Adriance Assessor 9 " " "	175.00
J Pangburn do 9 " " "	175.00
S Purdy & I Halsey Assessors 10 " " "	350.00
H Smith Acc[t] reg & pav West Street from Murray to Duane	1150.00
J Pinkerton Acc[t] reg & pav 4[th] Street from Broadway to 6 Avenue	650.00
[106] S Fargay bal repav Chatham Str[t] from Pearl S[t] to Tryon row	528.17
H Smith bal Cross walks 4[th] Ward.....	55.67
Ab[m] Dally & Associates Commiss[rs] fees Opening Mercer St[t] from Jones line to Art Street	365.22
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Com charges do do "	268.56
Ab[m] Bloodgood & Associates Commiss[s] fees Opening Wooster Street from 4[th] Street to Art Street	284.29
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges do do "	232.05
M De Camp Corporation Assessment do do do	615.66
A Coles Acc[t] filling bulkhead Rivington & Stanton Streets.	3000.00
A *Stroms* [Storms] bal Pier Charlton Street.....	1801.50
Geo: Lovett 3[d] Paym[t] Pier Catherine Slip.....	912.50
A Storms bal building L to Pier at Charlton Street.....	500.00
G Lovett bal Bulkhead Grand S[t] Slip.....	173.50
G Tucker repairing sewer Collect Street.....	45.00
J MComb repav Intersection 1[st] Ward.....	20.78
R Ayres carting shells from Washington Market & filling in Albany Basin.....	8.75
Propiretors of Mercantile Advertiser—Advertising to redeem sale of 20[th] June 1823.....	13.75
I Lucas Balan on Carpenter Work Fever Hospital.....	1000.00
Geo: Ireland & Associates ½ Arbitration fees Lucas v Corporation	7.50

J Mapes Treas^{r}	Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 Mo 13th Oct^{r}..	200.00	
Jacob P Roome	Super Repairs for Docks.....	1223.00	
J P Roome	do for Repairs.....	650.00	
A Burtis	Super Alms' House for Fever Hospital.....	500.00	
A Burtis	do do for Alms House.....	1250.00	
			28.132.53
		Balance	$43.95

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[108] In Common Council December 19th 1825

Present—The Honb^{l} William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq^{r} Recorder

Alderman	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Samuel S^{t} John
W^{m} H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Daniel E Dunscomb
	William P Rathbone

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of W^{m} A Hardenbrook for appointment to office of Inspector of Pavements was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Teunis A Cooper for the Office of Inspector of Fire wood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition in favor of opening Henry Street was read and laid on the table—It was afterwards called up and considered—postponed to Friday next

A Petition of John Van Natter for remission of fine for employing a Driver to his Hack Carriage [109] without being licensed was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Ann Mayo for remission of fine for acting as a pawn broker without licence was referred to the Police Committe

A Remonstrance against opening Henry Street was read and laid on the Table—it was afterward called up and with the Report of the Street Commotte on the subject postponed until Friday next

The Mayor stated that he had been served with an Original Writ at the suit of Oliver Morse issued out of the Court of Common Pleas—Whereupon it was ordered that the Counsel enter his appearance and defend the said suit

The following Letters addressed to the Mayor from Commodor Chauncey and the Rev[d] Edw[d] Rutlege on subject of Funeral Honor which were paid by the Corporation to the remains of the late Com modore M[c]Donough were read ordered to be entered on the Minute and published in the papers employed by the Board

Navy Yard New York Dec[r] 2[d] 1825

Dear Sir

Allow me in behalf of myself and the Officers of the Navy, upo this Station, to offer o[u]r grateful thanks to you and th[r]ough you t the Common Council of the City of New York, The Rev[d] the Clergy the Society of Cincinati the Officers of Militia, the Military upon duty and the Citizens generally for their kind sympathy for the loss th service has sustained in the death of Captain M[c]Donough

[110] The very handsome manner in which they all united in pay ing the last tribute of respect, to the mortal remains of the Gallant an Lamented Chief will always be held in grateful remembrance by hi associates in arms

I have the honor to be
with great respect and esteem
Dear Sir
Your Most Ob[t]
Humble Servant
J Chauncey

The Hon William Paulding
Mayor of the City of New York

Middletown Con[t] Decem 5 1825

His Honor the Mayor of New York

Sir

Permit me, in the name of the late Commodore Macdonough family, to return to you and the Common Council of New York thei thanks for the very distinguished attention paid to his remains

We rejoiced, during the life of our friend, to know that th character we valued so highly in the private circle, was duly appre ciated by his country and the grief which we now feel, cannot but b alleviated by the sympathies of our fellow Citizens

Yours with very great Respect
Edward Rutledge

To his Honor
William Paulding Jun[r]

An Invitation was received from the Society for the Reformatio of Juvenile delinquents to attend a meeting of the Society on Sunda 25[th] Ins[t] at the House of Refuge when the new Building will b

opened and Divine Service performed by the Revd Mr Sanford—which Invitation was accepted and the Clerk was directed to invite the newly elected Members [111] of the Board to accompany the present Board on the Visit

A Petition of Gould & Banks to be employed to furnish to the members the laws of the State was received and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of P Webber Jacob Ridabank Richard Dark Jacob Stanler & Gilbert Underhill for Stall No 43 Fulton Market of Nathaniel Underhill for Stall in Essex Market were referred to the Market Committe

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that Cross walks be laid over Hudson Charlton Vandam and Spring Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Patrick Breddy for leave to continue a Book Case at the Corner of Broadway & Courtlandt Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward

A Petition of John C Tucker for payment of his account for building the drain in Broad Street which was referred to the Finance Committe

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred a Resolution respecting a Salary to the High Constable and prescribing certain duties to be performed by him reported

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred a resolution proposing to make it the duty of the High Constable to attend the meetings of the Common Council and to allow him a reasonable Salary for that and other services

Report that the present incumbent Mr Jacob [112] Hays has for many years discharged the duties of High Constable in a manner equally creditable to himself and to the several Chief Magistrates of the City by whom he was appointed—His intelligence activity and zeal, added to his great experience have in the opinion not only of the Courts but of the Community, rendered him a valuable assistant to the Police of the City—It is well known too that on all public occasions where peace officers are required his services are put in requisition to arrange and regulate those officers in the discharge of their duties—Hitherto those services however highly estimated have been but poorly requited his compensation having been no higher than that of other peace Officers

It is important in the opinion of your Committe that the Office of High Constable should be placed on a very respectable footing he should in some degree superintend the other peace officers in the discharge of their official duties, which it is conceived would have a tendancy to lessen the number of Complaints which are made for malpractices in that department

But this is not to be expected so long as the office affords no other inducement than a high sounding title—Your Committe are likewise of opinion that the public good might be promoted by making it the duty of the High Constable to take cognizance of such violations of Laws of the State and City as might come under his observation, to the end that the proper Office[r]s may punish the offenders—In addition to which your Committe think it would be found very convenient for him to attend the meetings of the Common Council to receive and deliver papers as it often happens that the Chairman is unable to draw up the numerous Reports of a Committe during its session in such cases the reports [113] are prepared and presented for signature at the Common Council chamber—The duty of presenting such and other papers to the different members of the Board tho simple would seem to require more intelligence than has hitherto been employed for the purpose—For these services your Committe are of opinion that the High Constable ought to receive a reasonable salary, as many of those services have been performed by him without Compensation for many years hitherto, they beg leave to suggest the propriety of letting his salary commence from the first day of January last

In accordance with the views of this report your Committe submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the High Constable on all Public Occasions where peace Officers are required personally to attend and assign the stations and duties of such peace officers and superintend the execution thereof

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the High Constable to notify the proper Officers of all infractions of the Laws of the State & ordinances of the Common Council made for the better government of this City—to the end that the offenders may be brought to Justice

Resolved that it shall also be the duty of the High Constable personally to attend the meetings of the Common Council (unless excused by the president thereof) and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by any member

Resolved that the High Constable shall receive a Salary of Five

hundred dollars per annum to be paid quarter yearly to commence from the first day of October last past

All which is respectfully submitted

Sam[el] S[t] John E W King
New York 16 Decem[r] 1825 Jameson Cox S Cowdrey

Which being read was approved & the Resolutions adopted

[114] The Committe on Public Offices on the subject of a Tariff of fees to Measurers Weighers &c reported

The Committe on Public Officers to whom it was referred to consider what fees & allowances ought to be made to the Weighers Measurers &c and to report a Tariff of the same to the Common Council

Report in part that having had this subject long under Consideration they have been enabled to make ample enquiry of those most familiar with it but they regret to state that very little benefit has resulted from their enquiries for as it respected the Weighers, it was soon found that the dealers in each particular Commodity was willing to reduce the fees for Weighing it

It has appeared however very satisfactory to your Committe that the fees for weighers are generally considered too low, so much so, that the employer almost invariably pay an increased price of his own accord

This fact being ascertained was considered as conclusive on the subject that the fees ought to be increased so that the weighers should not accept that as a gift which they could demand as a right—In fixing a Tariff for the weighers & which your Committe now submits they could *foun* [form] no better criteiron than the allowance generally made voluntarily to the weighers, by the most Respectable Merchants and which has been adopted as far as could be ascertained—Your Committe therefore recommend for adoption the following Tariff for weighers

Anchors Stills Cambooses p[r] 100 W[t]	15 cts
Cables "	20
Old rigging—Junk—Old Copper Old brass Old Iron—Cork wood, Deer skins Moss & Oakum when loose, Iron Hollow ware	10
[115] Brasiletto wood, Hatch wood, Carrots of Tobacco Iron wire, Hams Fish, Fruit in boxes or drums snake root & other medicinal roots—Cam wood	5 cts
Hemp, Flax, hides, Grindstones, Cassia in bundles Brazil sugar in Large Boxes Ni[c]araugua Wood	4 cts
Loose Cheese loose Twine; drugs dye stuffs Bolts of *Steet* [sheet] Lead—Copper in sheets Brass & Zinck in sheets Cocoa pimento Pepper & Almonds	3 cts

Cotton 8 cts pr bale	
Kentucky Tobacco in Hhdds pr Hhdd	25 cts
Virginia & other heavy Tobacco "	31¼
Rolls of hempen yarn each	20
Deer skins and other Peltry Hay wool feathers Moss Oakum in bales or bundles Indigo Cassia in boxes	10
Kegs of tobacco, lard butter raisens nails	4 each
Indigo Rhubarb, Barks in Ceroons, Cheese in Casks tobacco in bales pr bale	6 cts
Bohea Tea " each	10
Half Chests " "	6
Other Teas " "	4

All other articles not enumerated 2cts pr 100 lb if amounting to Ten dollars if under Ten dollars one Cent pr hundred pound to be allowed

The residue of the subject referred is reserved for a future Report

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
S Cowdrey
Samel St John
Signed Jameson Cox

New York 12 Decem. 1825

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[116] The Committe on Public Offices on the Petition of the Street Inspectors for a continuation of their present allowance to them Reported

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of the Street Inspectors praying that the compensation of one dollar and fifty cents pr day, allowed to them during the summer may be continued thoughout the year Report that the duties of those officers are some what arduous and not of the most pleasant kind and if faithfully performed will occupy their whole time

The great object of their appointment was to ensure a due observance of the laws in relation to the cleansing of Streets & keeping them unincumbered without unnnecessarily subjecting the Citizens to fines

The Offices therefore ought to be filled by discreet and prudent men, and such your Committe believe to be the case at present Their compensation is now one dollar twelve & a half cents per day, and since their appointment new duties have been superadded under a full view of the subject your Committe recommend that those offices shall hereafter receive one dollar and twenty five Cents pr day which is nearly equal to the wages of Mechanics—As an equivolent your committe recommend that it be made their duty to cause the Side Walks to be

cleared of snow in the winter season in case it shall be neglected by the inhabitants in like manner as is provided for sweeping the streets in the summer season, And that they be authorised to demand & receive from every such inhabitant the sum of twelve and a half Cents

For which purpose your Committe recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[117] Resolved that the Counsel be directed to draft an Ordinance making it the duty of the Street Inspectors to cause the side walks to be cleared of snow in the winter season conformable to the principles of the foregoing Report

Resolved that the several Street Inspectors shall hereafter be allowed the sum of one dollar & twenty five cents per day

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
S Cowdrey
Sam[el] S[t] John
Signed Jameson Cox

New York 12 Dec[r] 1825

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Public Offices on the Resolution respecting the salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary—Reported

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred a resolution proposing to increase the salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary to one thousand dollars from the time of his appointment

Report that the salary of that Officer was several years ago fixed at eight hundred dollars since which the duties have gradually increased with the increased number of prisoners—A new duty has also been imposed on him which probably was not taken into consideration at the time of fixing his Salary

During a great portion of the year the Prisoners are made to work on the roads and public grounds and as it is not expected that the Commissioners of the Alms House who receive no pay will bestow their personal attention to the execution of the labour, it has devolved on the Keeper of the Penitentiary to superintend it

[118] The late incumbent M[r] Hoogland for this extra service received an annual allowance of two hundred dollars which has not been estimated to his successor altho he has performed the like services

The duties required of that officer are well known to be arduous and responsible and his compensation should be amply sufficient for

the support of a family so as to induce competent men to accept the important trust

It will doubtless for some years to come be deemed advantageous to employ the convicts on the roads and other public Works and no one can possess a better knowledge of their characters & different capacities than the Keepers He therefore ought to be continued as superintendant of such works

With these views of the subject your Committe recommend that the Salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary be increased to One thousand dollars p. annum as a full compensation for all services as well ordinary as extra Ordinary which may be required of him

To which end your Committe offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Salary of the Keeper of the Penitentiary be increased to one thousand dollars per Annum payable quarter yearly and to commence from the time of the appointment of the present incumbent

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
S Cowdrey
Samel St John
Signed Jameson Cox

New York 16 Decmr 1825

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[119] The Committe on Public Offices on the Report of the City Inspector of the quantity of wheat measured and inspected Reported as follows

The Committe on Public Offices to whom was referred the annual report of the City Inspector of the quantity of wheat and other articles inspected and measured in this City during the year ending 28d Febuary 1825 by the Officers appointed by the Corporation

Report they have been at a loss to ascertain for what purpose this document was referred except it was for the purpose of enquiry as to the expediency of repealing the Law requiring the City Inspector to make such reports In that view your Committe have no hesitation in expressing their opinion—It seems that the Law creating the Office of City Inspector passed many years ago made it his duty among other things to record all reports made to him by the Measurers &c. appointed by the Common Council and to make an aggregate report of the same in Febuary in each year And althe the requisitions of this Law have been uniformly complied with by that Officer yet it is believed that no benefit has been derived from

it—nor has such report to the knowledge of your Committe ever been referred to by the Members of the Common Council or others

As a statistical account it can be of no value In some instances officers appointed by the General Government and by the State perform the same duties as those appointed by the Common Council in which case no report is made to the City Inspector—and there can be no doubt that vast quantities of grain and Vegetables are sold or deposited in the City without being weighed or measured—For instance it appears by the documents under Consideration that during one whole year 617 Bushels of Potatoes 713 bushels of Flaxseed[120] 295 bushels of Peas &c were inspected now it must be obvious that many hundred times that quantity of such articles must have been actually sold in the City within the time specefied. If then no benefit can be expected to result from keeping such accounts it follows of course that the City Inspector ought to be releived from the labour of it and left to attend to the more important duties of his Office

Your committe conclude by recommending the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the 29th section of the Law entitled "a law for the appointment of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties and to provide for the security of the public health" be and the same is hereby repealed

All which is respectfully submitted

E W King
S Cowdrey
Samel St John
Signed Jameson Cox

N York Decemr 12. 1825

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred the Resolution relative to the improvement of Title to Real Estates presented the following report

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred their communication on the subject of improvement in titles to reall Estate Report that their enquiries and deliberations on the above mentioned subject have confirmed their former opinion as to its importance and practibility—They find however that it will be impossible from the limited time in their power to report a draft of a Memorial and Bill [121] containing all the necessary alterations and provisions The most they can do is to suggest the general outlines of such amendments *and* [as] their judgment ought to be adopted These relate principally to the

Statute of Limitations To the nature of actions for the recovery of Lands and to the mode of Transferring Titles

As to the statute of Limitations the first difficulty that occurs in practice relates to the period of its commencement—To determine this recourse must often be had to an Inquiry into the fact of adverse possession and this involves of course the consideration of the nature of such possession—Upon this which is often the starting point in the whole examination and which ought to be susceptible of the most ready apprehension much real difficulty is too apt to exist and ought to be obviated by some general provision prescribing in a plain and intelligible manner what shall constitute an adverse possession—other difficulties also occur to prevent the application of the limitation prescribed by the Statute arising from the exceptions in favor of the disabilities of coverture imprisonment, Infancey and Insanity In regard to the first of these Viz Coverture it may well be questioned whether it is not in its nature the reverse of what is now its legal operation Is the Marriage of females in general, or as far as experience can instruct us in any considerable number of instances a disability as to the prosecution of their legal rights—Are the claims of Married Women less promptly or effectually enforced than those of other persons? on the contrary and without wasting words or time on a subject of the most common and daily occurrence, it may be safely affirmed that their marriage so far from being a hindrance or a bar in the way of asserting their claims, in reality affords the most effectual means and the utmost facility for this purpose The instances in which [122] the inclinations and wishes of the wife are controuled and put down by the Husband in respect to his claiming or even bringing actions for the recovery of his Legal rights, whether they relate to real or personal estate are so rare as to form in themselves but exceptions to the generality of Cases on that subject—But it is against all received principles whether in legal or other important subjects to proceed upon exceptions, in the formation of general rules—and indeed this is uniformly considered as an inversion of all accurate reasoning since it would be making the generality of instances give way to the exceptions, and rules founded upon exceptions would thus become predominant—In order however to guard the rights of this Class of Females whose cases are thus mere exceptions, it might be provided that any married woman might sue at Law as she may now in equity, upon good cause being Shown by her next friend and thus the injustice be avoided of causing an Innocent party to suffer through the defaults or disagreements of those who if they have a title, ought

to be industrious in asserting it—In regard to the second legal disability arising from imprisonment—this so seldom occurs in practice as to render any Legislative interference less necessary than the former And yet it may be doubted whether in a liberal and enlightened Community where intercourse is so easy so constant and so impossible to be prevented, by ordinary means of conversation writing and printing, it would not be well to abolish a provision that has in truth become useless by the circumstances that have been mentioned

In regard to the third and fourth disabilities they ought in the opinion of your Committe to remain untouched

Next and principally under this head, as to the period of Limitation itself—This as is well known is Twenty years, as to the right of the possession of Land, and [123] twenty five years as to the Title or mere right of Land

The delay that is permitted by the Law on this subject. it may safely be pronounced, is in the generality and great Mass of cases, productive of consequences almost always unjust, and often ruinous—Why should effects like these be tolerated in any State in this Union—and more especially in any one of a highly commercial description where lands like Merchandize are the constant subjects of bargain and sale and in regard to which Certainty and Security are of the utmost importance to either party?

For the Collection of an Ordinary debt the period of Limitation is with us six years—But in proportion to the Value of any Commodity or subject of Transfer ought to be the promptitude which a rightful claim to it should be asserted. Many lots of ground with their improvements, in this City and other parts of this State, are of great and increasing worth and of much higher value than the ordinary debts that are permitted to remain uncollected by indulgent and wealthy Creditors

The Mistakes and Wilfull frauds that are often committed, and the confusion and uncertainty that are thrown into the Law—And the consequent disrepute that is cast upon it by the setting up and prosecution of Stale and antiquated Claims, as topics of remark, and sources of regret, to all who are familiar with the doctrine of titles to real Estate, and the practice under it in our Courts of Justice

There can be no doubt in the first place that the above mentioned distinction, between the right of the possession of Land, and the Title or mere right to the Land itself, ought to be done away, as an unnecessary refinement, and tending to and favouring the introduction of

metaphysical subtlety when the subject itself is in its nature [124] plain and simple and the learning connected with it ought consequently to be as plain and as simple, And in the next place it is obvious that the shortest of these limitations namely twenty years *in* [is] entirely too long and ought to be greatly curtailed

The field of observation and of illustration here presented is extremely ample and much too large for the opportunity now afforded for discussion—Suffice it briefly to remark that in several of the American States, the period in question is much less than ours; in one, it being fifteen years, and in another it being reduced to the comparitively short term of five years—Our own Legislature have felt the force of the general Considerations here adverted to, in the restriction they adopted several years ago, much to the public satisfaction and advantage as to the time during which judgments should remain leins upon lands, and by which the period which was before indefinite was reduced to Ten years—a period of Limitation forming a Medium between the different extremes, and having the example just mentioned, which perhaps entitles it to be selected as the proper one to remedy some of the defects and disadvantages before adverted to

In regard to the next head of improvement on this subject, the nature of actions for the recovery of Lands, one of an important kind has been already suggested, namely the abolition of all fictions in parties to and in the forms of such actions—This also presents a very extensive field for amplification, into which however your Committe must decline to enter for the want of time, but which the appropriate tribunal would not fail to discover and pursue, if once the subject should be fairly brought before it

[125] Your Committe will barely suggest that if the Legislature were to direct the Judges of the Supreme Court to regulate the matter under this head, in all probability the remedy for the evils, Delays and expences, arising out of the technicalities and Scholastic Jargon that now infest this Branch of Legal practice and which from their complexity alone deserve the name of learning would be promptly discovered and applied.

In regard to the mode of transferring titles this is done by deed, by Will and by matter of record—The first method namely, that by deed is sufficiently simple and intelligible—as incidentally connected with it however your Committe would remark that they can discover no good reason why it should be necessary in all cases to record Conveyances at length, when a simple registry, in the office of Record

would answer every valuable purpose in many instances; and when in the case of a Mortgage it would unquestionably be sufficient in every case to register it only, and to record at length the power of sale.

In respect to the mode of conveyance or assurance by Will, there is one general rule which in the opinion of the Committe it would be wise to adopt—namely that wherever a devise is made of lands or real estate and the testator had a fee simple estate, *are* [and] there are no words of inheritance or words declaring the nature and extent of the estate a fee simple shall be held to pass This has been done in the State of New Jersey There is also one obvious and prominent defect in the Law relating to the powers of sale of Lands in Instruments of this Kind to which the attention of your Committe has been called It is that in all such cases the Will must be proved and recorded, either in the Supreme Court or in the County where the lands are situated—To obviate this it has been suggested that the probate of the Will certified by [126] the Surrogate of the County would prevent the great delays and expence which are necessarily incurred under the existing mode. And that at least the probate ought to be declared to be prima facia Evidence of the validity of the Will in the case of one containing a power of sale as above mentioned.

In regard to the next mode of conveyance by matter of record namely, by fines and common recoveries your Committe are of opinion that the Statutes authorising these proceedings might be generally altered and improved, as the proceedings under them are now extremely lengthy and complex involving great expence, and as much greater proportion of abstract and difficult Learning, and which in mass have ceased to be as usefull or necessary as they formely were—And if it should not be considered wise to propose their entire abolition—your Committe would respectfully insist that these proceedings should be stripped of all their unmeaning and antiquated ceremonies and formalities which now render them obscure and unintelligible except to the legal Practitioner, but whose candour and good sense would pronounce them to be in a great measure senseless and unnessesarry—The remarkable efficacy allowed to the mode of Conveyance by fine namely that it amounts to a bar of all adverse claims, unless made in five years instead *of twenty* of twenty five years under other forms or methods would seem to entitle it to exemption and a preference

And perhaps the true conclusion would be after all to continue these methods of conveyance divesting them of their useless forms

and fictions, and making the Limitation within which any other adverse Title should be permitted to be set up the same in all Cases

Your Committe have thus with a constrained rapidity and brevity at the termination of their Official [127] labours and as their closing act presented this important subject to this Board as the Guardians among other high and valuable interests, of the Free hold rights and privileges of their Constituents—That they have not done ample justice to it they freely acknowledge—That it is of vital concern to that class of our citizens whose property is of a freehold description their own experience and the observation of all practical men acquainted with it, unite in assuring them

And they are also of opinion that this Board will render an acceptable service to this community and perhaps to the State at large, which is destined to increase, in Wealth and population beyond the anticipations of its early patriots and the founders even of its present political institutions, by proposing a reform in this all important subject of property to the Legislature of the State through the instrumentality of our immediate representatives in that honorable body

They therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the subject matters of the foregoing communication be submitted to the representatives of this City and County in the State Legislature and that they be requested to bestow upon them such attention and to bring them before the Legislature in such manner and form as they in their discretion may think proper

S Cowdrey
E W King

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Clerk directed to furnish one Copy to the Members of Assembly in the Legislature from this City

[128] The Committe on Laws on the Petition for regulating Ballast lightermen presented the following report together with a corresponding Law

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred the Petition of LeRoy Bayard & C° and many other Merchants and Ship owners and Ship Masters of this City praying that a regulation may be established by this Board in relation to the Ballast lightermen of the Port of New York for ascertaining with greater accuracy than is now done the weight of Ballast and for preventing the frauds now Committed in the sale of that Article

Report

That they have duly considered the subject matter of the com-

munication referred to them and are of opinion that the Grevances sustained by the Petitioners require Correction and they beg leave to report the accompanying Draft of a Law for this purpose

Respectfully submitted

S Cowdrey
E W King

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Law passed under the Title of "a Law for the appointment of a Ballast Master" which was directed to be published and to be printed in Hand bills and posted up in the City

A Petition was presented from David S Ogden for appointment to the Office of Ballast Master when on motion he was appointed— And it was Resolved that David S Ogden be and he is hereby appointed Ballast Master

The Committe on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of Ab^{m} Leggett Superintendant of Mud Machine [129] to be continued in pay during the Winter season reported in favor as Follows

The Committe on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Leggett Superintendant of the Mud Machine to have his pay continued through the winter season when the Mud Machine is laid up and not in actual service Respectfully Report

That they have taken the subject into their serious Consideration and believing it necessary to have some person at all times to take Care of the Machine Scows &c: are of Opinion the present superintendant *it* [is] the proper person to be employed for that purpose at a Reasonable Compensation and therefore offer the following resolution to wit

Resolved that Abraham Leggett be employed to take care of the Mud Machine Scows and Materials belonging thereto and that he be allowed one dollar per day for his services during the time the said Machine be laid up for the winter Season including Sunday.

John Webb
Asa Mann
W^{m} H Ireland
Mth Reed
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred the Communication from the Commissioners of the Common School Fund on the Claim of Bethel Church presented the following Report

The Committe on Laws to whom was referred the Communi
from the Commissioners of the [130] Common School fund
3d December instant

Report

That they have attentively considered the statements and
of the said Commissioners relating to the proceedings therein sp
under the Act of the Legislature in favor of the Bethel Baptist C
passed 8th February 1822

This Law was founded on a Claim of the said Church, to
pensation for loss, in consequence of the diversion of the Co
School fund, in this City from the Churches—and for the purp
ascertaining this loss (provided the same should not exceed four
said dollars) the acting superintendant of Common School
thereby authorised to appoint three indifferent persons or appr
and upon their estimate and appraisement being made in writi
awarded by the superintendant is to be paid

From this short statement it appears that extraordinary vig
and guards were interposed respecting this long Contested and
questionable claim in point at least of amount—The terms
Law as well as the description of the claim itself presuppose
involve various Questions which must from their intrinsic n
require evidence discussion and mature deliberation in their
most and final adjustment And it is required no less by
Justice than by positive Law that Judges must be impartial and
not only [illegible]

[illegible]

said superintendant, and have thereby awarded the maximum amount of four thousand dollars, as the sum to be paid to the said Church

Upon this statement your Committe would very briefly observe that whatever may be the merits of the claim, on the part of this Church to compensation in consequence of the diversion of the Common School fund from Sectarien Channels, and however just the Law referred to may be, under which these claims are to be adjusted, it is still manifest, that the spirit and meaning of the Act have not been Complied with, but have been obviously violated, first, in the appointment of two of the appraisors against whom the objection of partiality has been raised and which appears to exist with full effect (without however any knowledge of such objection on the part of the said superintendant of Common Schools) and secondly in the precipitate unusual and irregular manner in which the appraisors made their estimate—These preliminary objections to the award appear to possess such intrinsic and predominating force, that unless explained in some very satisfactory manner, they destroy at once the foundation and fabric of the award

To ascertain whether any explanation could be given to these objections, which it appears have been [132] urged by the Commissioners of the Common School fund upon the attention of the Superintendant in a written communication your Committe directed a notice to be given to each of the said appraisors requesting them to attend your Committe, at a meeting which they held on the present subject, as your Committee were desirous of learning upon what grounds they founded their estimate and report—And your Committe regret to state that neither of the said appraisors appeared on such request, nor have they furnished to your Committe, any information or explanation whatever of the kind above mentioned

Your Committe will only add that from their acquaintance with the merits of this subject, and their knowledge of facts respecting it, and judging also from the statement of the case, in the law itself, above referred to, as well as from the views and illustrations in the communication now under consideration, and which is drawn with great clearness and ability, they are induced to question, the accuracy of the said award, and to believe that in all probability the Claims of the Bethel Church, under the said Law, have been misconceived and exaggerated, in the estimation of the appraisors, and at all events your Committe entertain the decided conviction, that the other parties to this Inquiry, ought to have been notified, and to have been furnished with the opportunity of being heard, in relation to it, by the said appraisors

—And that by reason of the defects and irregularities above pointe out, the said award is null and void, and would be so declared, as th Committe fully believe, in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Th Committe therefore recommend the following resolutions

1. Resolved that the award of Peter Ludlow Alexander C Jackso and David Marsh in favor of the Bethel Baptist Church, for the su of Four thousand dollars ought not to receive the sanction of th Commissioners of the Common [133] School fund in this City or t this Board

2. Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to commun cate to the Honorable John V N Yates acting Commissioner t Common Schools, a Copy of the foregoing resolution, with the reaso on which the same is founded and respectfully to request, that he wi appoint other appraisors who shall be indifferent between the partie with instructions that they notify the School Commissioners of th City of the time and place of their meeting to act upon the subje matter of their appointment

Respectfully submitted

S Cowdrey
E W King

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of James Woodha for relief from a Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the abo petition of James Woodham praying relief from an assessment on h personal estate respectfully report that from the Certificate of one t the assessors of the fifth Ward and from other circumstances th are satisfied the petitioner does not possess any personal estate ar ought not to have been assessed—Wherefore the following Resolutic is offered

Resolved that the Collector of taxes for the fifth ward be directe to return the Assessment against James Woodham among the erro &c of the ward Respectfully submitted

J Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

134] The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of James Bogart for relief from Tax reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments, to whom was referred the petition of James Bogert, praying relief from an erroneous assessment on his personal estate respectfully Report

That it appears from undoubted evidence that the petitioner was not an actual resident of the City and County of New York at the time of his having been assessed nor is he liable to an assessment within the meaning of the act by which assessments are imposed— Therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of Taxes for the third Ward be directed to return the assessment upon James Bogert among the errors &c. of the Ward

Respectfully submitted

J Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry Wyckoff
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Assessments on the petition of Alex[r] Clark for relief from Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Clark praying to be relieved from an improper Assessment respectfully Report

That from the Certificate of the Assessors of the third Ward it appears that the Petitioner has no personal estate liable to taxation. The Committe therefore offer the following Resolution

[135] Resolved that the Collector of taxes for the third Ward be directed to return the Assessment against Alexander Clark among the errors and insolvencies of the Ward

Respectfully submitted

J Hedden
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Applications to the Legislature presented the following report on the subject of a repeal of so much of the Tax law as relates to the payment into the Treasury of the County Taxes on Incorporated Companies

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Respectfully submitted

S Cowdrey
E W King

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

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Signed D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

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The Committe on Applications to the Legislature beg leave to report, that they consider it expedient that an application should be made to the Legislature for a repeal of so much of the Tax laws as requires the payment into the Treasury of the County Taxes on Incorporated Institutions—Your Committe deem the provisions of the Laws which take away from this City, the proportion of the City Tax on Incorporations to be wrong in principle, and most oppressive and unjust upon this City—They have therefore requested the Counsel to prepare the enclosed memorial and Law on the subject, to which the[y] refer for a more full detail of their views and they respectfully offer the following Resolution—Resolved that said memorial and Law be engrossed by the Counsel and authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legislature

Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Philip Hone

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Memorial directed to be authenticated

[136] The Committe on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred a Resolution to apply to the Legislature for a Grant of Land under water to East Street & Tompkins Street on the East River presented the following report and Memorial which were approved and the Memorial directed to be authenticated

The Committe on applications to the Legislature beg leave respectfully to Report on the annexed Resolution which was referred to them by the Board

That by the Charter of the City the Common Council are owners of the lands all arond the Island of New York between high and low water mark, and also Four hundred feet below Low water mark, from near Charlton Street on the North River to Corlears Hook on the East River; and that by an Act of the Legislature passed on the 3d April 1807, the land from low water mark four hundred feet into the water from near Charlton Street and extending North four miles on the North River is possessed by this Common Council, and also four hundred feet into the water, from Corlaers Hook on the East River extending North two miles

That the grants on the East River have been nearly all made by this Common Council, and a number on the North River—That owing to the flat and low grounds between Grand Street and 23d Street on the East river, it was difficult to fix upon what was the true line of

high or low water, and that the grants in that vicinity were made according to a Map and plan approved by this Board making Tompkins Street the exterior Street in the permane[n]t regulation of that part of the City in the same manner as South and West Streets had been fixed in the other parts—That as well in order to avoid any Question [*] as to the right of this Board to make grants in that vicinity according to said Map and plan, as to acquire the right to land four hundred feet below Low water Mark beyond the limits fixed by the Act of 1807 your Committe deem it expedient and desirable that an application should be made to the Legislature of this State at the coming Session

That the Charter and acts aforesaid having settled the propriety of this Common Council being the owners of such rights and privileges, your Committe do not think that an enlightened Legislature after referring to the acts of their predecessors, will hesitate in granting the petition of the Board—That the regulation of the part of the City about Corlears Hook absolutely required an extension to Tompkins Street, and could not be permanently arranged without such extension —That the grant under the act of 1807 to this Common Council for two miles above Corlaers Hook being nearly exhausted, the growth and interest of the City requires that the Common Council should be vested with Simular rights to the Land under Water four hundred feet beyond low water mark further North both upon the East and North Rivers, than is granted under the said act of 1807—and that your Committe consider it to be expedient to apply for such right on both Rivers North as far as the bounds of the City extend beyond the present grants

Your Committe have had the enclosed Memorial to the Legislature on this subject prepared by the Counsel of the Board: and they offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

I. Resolved that it is expedient that application should be made by this Common Council to the Legislature at its ensuing session, for a grant of Land by the Commissioners of the Land Office in the usual manner for Four hundred feet below low water Mark on the North and East Rivers [138] as far as the bounds of the City extend North beyond the present grants for the excess of land necessary for the regulation of that part of the City between Grand Street and Twenty third Street on the East River

II Resolved that the memorial and Law for the Legislature on

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

the subject, are hereby approved; and that his Honor the Mayor authenticate the same during the recess of the Board

Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann
Phillip Hone

The Committe on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioners of the Alms House on the subject of the Poor Laws presented the following Report

The Committe on Applications to the Legislature respectfully Report, on the representation of the Commissioners of the Alms House, on the subject of the Poor Laws

That the power of transporting paupers from this City to their last place of settlement being taken away by Law, the poor from all parts of the State are making their way to this City, where many have already arrived—That the increased burden upon this City, render the allowance of Ten thousand dollars, by the State for the support of foreign poor in this City, wholly inadequate; and that at least thirty thousand dollars per annum ought to be provided by the State to support the poor who are not properly chargeable here—That under these circumstances your committe have had prepared by the Counsel the Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature, praying that the Law abolishing the right to transport paupers to their last residence, should be repealed, or that the State [illegible] provide an adequate fund for their support here. Your Committe referring to the said Representation of the Commissioners of the Poor, and to the said draft of Memorial, for further information on this subject, beg leave to offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare an engrossed Copy of the said Memorial, and that his Honor the Mayor authenticate the same, and forward the same to the Legislature at their next Session

Wm Burtsell
Jacob R Taylor
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Market Committee presented the following Report on the Petition of several Butchers of Stalls

The Committee on the application of several butchers for Stands in the different Markets having ascertained that the applicants are all regularly bred to the Butchers business And are not

of good Character, and the present Occupants having relinquished their claims to the said stands, beg leave respectfully to request the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Butchers Licences be granted to the following persons

1st To Charles Reeves for the Stand N° 7 Spring Street Market, now occupied by John Ennes.

2d To Christian A Tripler for the Stand N° 3 Fra[n]klin Market now Occupied by John Van De Water

3d To Thomas Jeremiah for the Stand N° 32 Washington Market now Occupied by John Hutton

4th [140] To John Hutton for the Stand N° 53 Washington Market, now occupied by Thomas Jeremiah

5. To Christopher Gwyer for the Stand N° 11 Washington Market now occupied by John Fisher

Respectfully submitted

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
Mth Reed
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Lands & Places on the Petition of the Trustees of the City Dispensary reported as follows.

The Committe on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Memorial of the Trustees of the " New York City Dispensary " setting forth that the premises now occupied by them is altogether too small and inconvenient for the growing numbers and increasing necessities of the sick poor of this City, and praying that a Lot or portion of ground may [be] assigned them by this Corporation for the purpose of erecting thereon a suitable building for that Institution—Respectfully Report—that in the opinion of your Committe some more adequate and liberal provision ought to be afforded by the public for the use and accomodation of that meritorious and highly valuable Institution, in order thereto, Your Committe have made the necessary enquiry respecting the grounds belonging to this Corporation, and find that there are none at present unappropriated, but that there is a portion of land now under Lease from this Board, to the State, being a part of the plot occupied and known as the arsenal ground on the northerly side of White Street between Elm and Collect Streets and is [141] detached from the principal block of grounds occupied by the Arsenal

Buildings by White Street—it is thought by your Committe that th Legislature would on due application being made to that body releas this plot to this Corporation and if so, a suitable portion thereo might be granted to the petitioners for the purpose of erecting thereo suitable buildings for a "City Dispensary" and the remainder of i (containing several building lots) might be disposed of greatly to th advantage of this Corporation; in order therefore that the views o your Committe may be carried into effect they offer for consideratio the following Resolutions

Resolved that the subject of the foregoing report be referred t the Counsel of the Board to prepare a Memorial and Law for th purposes stated in the above Report and that the memorial be authenti cated during the recess of this Board

Resolved that on condition the Legislature shall grant such relea a suitable portion thereof shall be appropriated to and for the u of the "New York City Dispensary"

Samel St John
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell
Signed Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Resolution to pave the side Walk in Essex Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed Reso lution for paving the side walks of Essex Street between Broome Delancy Street Report that in their opinion it is necessary and prope the object of the Resolution [142] should be carried in effect an accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Essex Street between Broome Delancey Streets be regulated & paved

Gideon Ostrander
Samuel St John
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition to pave the side walks o Broome Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed Reso lution for paving the side walks in Broome Street between the Bower

and Arundle Streets Report that in their opinion the paving of those walks is necessary and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Broome Street between the Bowery and Arundle Street be paved

Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Asa Mann
Signed Philip Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred back their report on the Petition for widening Henry Street presented a Report which was read and the consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Board and it was Resolved that the Board when they adjourn will adjourn until next Friday at 5 OClock P M

[143] The Finance Committe on the Petition of the Gas light Company presented the following Report

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed Petition of the Gas light Company

That said Company wish to be permitted to lay their pipes in any Street north of Grand Street in which any twelve Inhabitants might wish to be supplied with Gas—That your Committe learn with surprise that said Company have ventured, without the authority, of this Board, to lay their pipes in one or two Streets north of Grand Street, and they are gratified to understand that the Street Commissioner of this Board promptly ordered the Company to desist—That altho the Company now think fit to ask permission from the Board your Committe do not deem it expedient to grant them any permission beyond what was granted to them by their contract with the Board—That by the Charter of the Company, it is expressly provided, that they shall not dig up any street, without the permission of the Corporation first had and obtained, that under all the Circumstances of this case, and after duly considering the whole matter your Committe deem it expedient to offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

I Resolved that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

II Resolved that the Street Commissioner notify the Gas light Company, to take up and remove all the Gas Pipes, which they have laid in any streets beyond the limits of their contract with this board, and that they put the said streets in the same condition they were in, before said streets were unauthorized broken and dug up, and that the

Street Commissioner report to the board at their next regular meeting whether said notification has been [144] complied with

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Edward Patterson respecting a Cart purchased by him from the Superintendant of Repairs reported against him as follows

The Finance Committe respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Edward Patterson, That it seems the petitioner sometime ago brought a waggon which was sold for $9 at the public yard for encumber*ed*[ing] the Street—That the petitioner sold the same and the person who bought from him was sued for the same that the Plaintiff did not recover. That the petitioner was however sued by the person to whom he had sold the waggon, for extra expences in defending himself that the petitioner had to pay $13 $^{7}/_{00}$ which was recovered against him. This amount he claims to have returned to him by the Board

Your Committe consider that the claim cannot be allowed; and that if Mr Patterson had defended the suit brought against him, no recovery could have been had & Mr Patterson has not deemed it expedient to make an effectual defence, as he might have made in the action against him he ought not to expect this board to pay his losses—Your committe therefore offer for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant [145] the prayer of the Petitioner

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Robert Ferguson for an advance on contract for Houston Street reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committe, respectfully report on the annexed peti-

tion of Robert Ferguson, That the petitioner has contracted to fill in and regulate Houston Street, for which he is to be paid on completeing the work—That he has progressed considerably in the work, and finding it very heavy, now wishes the board to pay him on account Two thousand dollars—That it appears that the petitioner has done considerable more work than to such amount; and as he is willing to allow interest for the money so to be anticipated, your committe offer for the consideration of the board the following resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Robert Ferguson for Two thousand dollars on account of the above contract, said Ferguson to allow interest on his final settlement for such anticipated payment

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and a Warrant was directed to issue during the recess of the Board

[146] The Finance Committe presented the following Report on the subject of Interest due from the Corporation to the State for Interest on arrears of Taxes

The Finance Committe respectfully report that arrears of Taxes from this County to the state have accumulated in the years 1815. 1816 & 1817 which were not known until the decease of the late Treasurer of this City, the State claimed interest on those arrears; but that this board refused payment, and that upon a case made, stating the facts, the question was submitted to the decision of the Supreme Court, That said Court at its last Term decided that Interest was properly charged against the County and must be paid—Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved, that the Treasurer pay to the State the said arrears of interest, agreeably to the decision of the Supreme Court

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
S Cowdrey
Signed Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Counsel to whom was referred on the 30th September last the Petition praying the Assessment for opening Ridge Street may be suspended presented a report stating that the Assessors not having completed the assessment and not being able to make a satisfactory Assessment have declined acting and that in their resignations which accompanied his Report Thereupon the same was referred to the Street Committe

[147] The Counsel agreeably to Resolutions presented the draught of a Lease for Paules Hook Ferry to Messrs Ogden Colden & Swartwout which was referred to the Street Committe

The Counsel presented a Petition to the Supreme Court to discontinue proceedings in the case of the New Street in the 7th Ward which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented Two Water Grants to Jacob Lorrillard

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a grant of two water lots on the North River, the first extending between Vestry & Desbrosses Street, the second Twenty five feet Northerly from Desbrosses Street to Jacob Lorrillard upon the terms contained in, and pursuant to, the Resolution of this Board on that subject of 21st Novembe 1825

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Decem. 16. 1825

Which were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following Leases for unclaimed Land and which had been sold for Taxes

The Counsel of the Board herewith respectfully presents for execution a Lease of a Lot in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York on the Easterly side of Mott between Bleecker and Prince Street which was sold to Thomas Longworth on the 5th November 1823 for non payment of Taxes for 18 years, and the two years for its redemption having expired without said lot being redeemed the purchaser has become entitled to a Lease which has been made out under the direction of the Street Commissioner

[148] Also a lease for the unclaimed Lot No 932 Bayards Farm to Ernest Keyser for 7 years from 1st August 1824 at $75. p annum

Also a lease for the unclaimed Lot No 421 Delancys farm to John Bremner for 7 years from 1st Febuary 1825 at $50. pr annum

Also a lease for the unclaimed Lot No 422 Delancys farm to James Paul for 7 years from 1st Febuary 1825 at $50. pr annum

These three last lots were sold for non payment of assessment, and the time for which they were sold having expired and no person appearing to claim the same, notice was given in the news papers by the Street Commissioner according to the act of 26th March 1819 for the owners to come forward and take possession of the same. They having not having done so the said lots have been leased for the benefit of the said owners. The leases were made out at the request of the Comptroller and by and under the direction of the Finance Committe

Respectfully Submitted

Decemr 16. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the said Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Counsel presented the following Resolution for opening 2d & 3d Streets which were adopted

I Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to open second street in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New York from the Bowery to its junction with North Street, and also to open Third Street in the Eleventh Ward of the said City from the First Avenue to the East River the said, Streets being in that part of the said City laid out into Streets Avenues [149] Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the act entitled an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 3d 1807 and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done. And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary applications to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the same may be carried into effect

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to authenticate the said Petitions during the recess of the Board in the usual manner

The Following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 2

Thomas J Taft—Merchant 108 Division Street

Vc James Stanley—Resigned

No 4

Augustine J Battin Accountant 167 William Str

Vc Francis A Johnson Resigned

N° 7

Joseph L Kellog—Merchant 414½ Pearl Street
V^e James Hanlon Resi
Christopher C Bennett Accountant 414½ Pearl Street
V^e James Reynolds—Resi

N° 11

Benj^a G Miller Accountant Water Street
V^e Henry Ulshoeffer Resi

N° 15

Charles Colgate—Tallow Chandler 34 Catherine S^tr
V^e Jackson M Kissam Resi

[150] No. 17

James Young Cooper 52 Elizabeth Street
V^e James Van Altz Res

No. 19

Daniel Roberts Comb Maker Ludlow Street
V^e Philip Smith Res
Charles P Williams House Carpenter 68 Rutgers Street
V^e Robert A M^cKinley Joined anoth
Edmund Bruen House Carpenter 25 Norfolk Street
V^e Lewis R Fisher Res

N° 23

Charles L Strong Merchant 79 Leonard Street
V^e Edward Scott Res

N° 31

Isaac Van Vorst Carpenter 26 Thomas Street
V^e William D Craig Res

N° 32

Cornelius Garrison Butcher 188 Bowery
V^e Henry Uested Res
Samuel Holmes Carpenter 54 Norfolk Street
V^e W^m Townsend Res

Hook & Ladder Company

N° 3

Hamilton Radcliff Weaver, Christopher next to Herring S^t
V^e Peter V Van Doren Res
Henry Hutchinson Grocer Corner Washington & Charles S^t
V^e William Stephens Left th

John Greene Raftsman Perry Str To fill the Company
Peter Wanmaker Marshal Greenwich between Charles & AmosStr To fill the Company

[151] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

No 1.	Ann Gallo[o]n	Lessee	No	141	Anthony	Street	A Privy
2.	Elmendorf & Grim	Owners		143	"	"	Do
3.	J Beekman	Owner		156	Bancker	"	Do
4.	T Pearsall	Do		186	"	"	Do
5.	A H Van Bokkelin	Do		6	Bowery	"	Do
6.	Do	do		8	"	"	Do
7	*J* [T] Martin	do		24	"	"	Do
8	H Astor	Do		72	"	"	Do
9.	F Shonnard	Do		80½	"	"	Do
10.	T *Kenan* [Renou]	Occupt		106	"	"	Do
11.	P *Putell* [Paitet]	Do		108	"	"	Do
12.	J Faulkner	Owner		118	"	"	Do
13.	D Wheeler	Do		13	Division	"	Do
14	J Oakley	Do		33	"	"	Do
15	J Pease	Do		51	"	"	Do
16	Do	Do		53	"	"	Do
17	Rt McCurdy	Do		57	"	"	Do
18	Do	Do		59	"	"	Do
19	Mrs Bayles	Do		111	"	"	Do
20	J Wood	Do		125	"	"	Do
21	J Hart	Lessee		151	"	"	Do
22	J Waters	Occupt		44	Duane	"	Do
23	J Lochlin	Owner		48	"	"	Do
24	F Geraghty	Do		52	"	"	Do
25	M Poynanger	Do		84	"	"	Do
26	S Beekman	Do		88	"	"	Do
27	S Dunn	Occupt		92	"	"	Do
28	T Wymbs	Owner		49	Harman	"	Do
29	J Willson	Do		55	"	"	Do
30	J Strong	Do		61	"	"	Do
31	M Mansfield	do		64	"	"	Do
32	[152] W Kissam	Do		66	"	"	Do
33	J Price	Do		74	Do	"	Do
34	J Miller	Do		78	"	"	Do
35	P. G. Hart	Do		82	"	"	Do
36	Wm B Crosby	Do		91	"	"	Do
37	S Rose	Do		100	"	"	Do
38	S Ewins	Do		120	"	"	Do
39	W Brown	Do		135	"	"	Do
40	A Higgins	Do		136	"	"	Do
41	R Wittingham	Do		143	"	"	Do
42	A Stagg	Do		146	"	"	Do
43	C Cashman	Do		148	"	"	Do

44	D Burt	Owner	158	Harman Street	"
45	C Gorin	Occupt	5	Henry	"
46	J Brady	Do	7	"	"
47	D McKenna	Owner	11	"	"
48	Do	Do	13	"	"
49	W Johnson	Do	25	"	"
50	A Dougherty	Do	34	"	"
51	Wm McLaughlin	Do	36	"	"
52	T Goodman	Do	42	"	"
53	H OHare	Do	47	"	"
54	J [T] Miller	Do	50	"	"
55	J Beekman	Do	51	"	"
56	R Phillips	Do	55	"	"
57	W Wallace	Do	15	Lombardy	"
58	D Banks	Occupt	23	"	"
59	J Rees	Owner	25	"	"
60	O McCabe	Do	27	"	"
61	J Redding	Do	29	"	"
62	J Dobbin	Do	33	"	"
63	E Brown	Do	35	"	"
64	D Raynor	Do	77	"	"
65	[153] G Norton	Occupant	125	"	"
66	J Miller	Do	127	"	"
67	R Kewin	Do	129	"	"
68	D Weed	Do	133	"	"
69	W Henry	Owner	95	Mulberry	"
70	A Faure	Do	487	Pearl	"
71	S Lyon	Do	511	"	"
72	J Brooks	Do	513	"	"
73	W Williams	Do	551	"	"
74	J Butler	Lessee	66	Reed	"
75	E H Warner	Owner	Greene & Prince		"
76	S Martine	Occupt		Hammersly	"
77	N Gouverneur	Owner		Forsyth	"
78	Do	Do		Eldridge	"

George Cumming
City Inspec

New York 19 Decem[r] 1825

The Street Commissioner presented a Profile of the part o Street to be opened and widened between Beekman & Fra Streets—which was approved and confirmed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordi which were passed

For building Five Public Cisterns at the following places Vi

Two at Zion Church

One at Second District Watch House

One at Cass Works &

One at African School in Mulberry Street and John Targee John Brower and Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

[154] For flagging the Side walks in Broome Street between the Bowery and Arundle Streets and Abraham Baudoine Cary Dunn & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For flagging the Side walks in Essex St between Broome Street and Delancy Street and Abm Dally Isaac Kip & Francis Peckwell were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed

For regulating and paving Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson Street which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector

For regulating and paving Attorney Street from Broome to Stanton Street was confirmed and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For regulating and paving Pike Street between Division and Water Streets was confirmed and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For repaving Pearl Street from Franklin square to Oak Street was confirmed and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Amity Street near Thompson Street was confirmed and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Amity Street [155] near McDougal Street was confirmed and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For repaving Duane Street from Brodway to Hudson Street was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

A Communication was received from John Woodward Clerk of the City & County stating that the Comptroller had returned into the Clerks Office a Book purporting to be a list of Jurors under the Ordinance of the 4th of May 1825 but from defects as to first names residence and occupation and a total omission of the fifth Ward he considers that to give effect in any shape to the list would be an useless expence repugnant to the Ordinance and an imposition upon the City Wherefore the same was referred to the Law Committe

A Letter was received from John Stephens Chairman of the Apprentices Library Committe transmitting a Catalogue of the Books which the donation of the Corporation had enabled them to procure making 242 Volumes—whereupon the same was directed to be filed

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the accounts of the Marshals of the several Wards for taking the Census which was referred to the Finance Committe

Mr Hedden presented the following preamble and Resolution.

Whereas Benjamin Prince Esqr the Public Administrator in this City is at present and for some weeks past has been afflicted by a severe illness in consequence [156] of which he is wholly unable to perform the duties of his said Office—And whereas the prospect of the recovery of the said Benjamin Prince is remote and uncertain; by reason whereof, the duties of his said Office cannot be attended to or fulfilled by him—And whereas the public interest and security require a person to attend strictly and continually to the duties of said Office therefore

Resolved that while we regret the necessity, we are compelled by paramount considerations of duty to a[re]move the said Benjamin Prince from his said Office of Public Administrator for the purpose of appointing a successor and he is hereby removed accordingly—And that this removal shall be considered as a subject of reconsideration provided the said Benjamin Prince shall recover his health so far as to be enabled to attend to the business of said Office—*by J Hedden*

Whereupon the same was adopted—It was then moved that the Board proceed to Ballot for a person to fill the Office which was agreed to and the Members proceeded to Ballot. when on counting the same it appeared that Silvanus Miller had eleven votes and he was declared duly elected—And it was Resolved that Sylvanus Miller be and he is hereby appointed Public Administrator of the City of New York

Mr Tenbroeck presented a Resolution respecting building a Market in Canal Street between Washington and West Street which was referred to the Market Committe

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved that the Office hours of the [157] Collectors of Arrears of Taxes be from 10 till 1 O'Clock every day in the week except Sunday, and that his Office for transacting the business thereof, be in the room occupied by the Collectors of Assessments in the City Hall Which was agreed to

Alderman Mann presented a Resolution fixing the compensation of Inspectors and Measurers of Lumber—The consideration of which was postponed

Mr Cox presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the Buildings on Thatcher Street to be removed from said Street agreeably to the new line of said Street as it is to be the first day of May next

Alderman Wyckoff presented the following which was adopted

Whereas it is manifest that the Bells of many Churches do not ring on the Alarm of Fire thereby endangering the lives and property of the Citizens therefore

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be requested to ascertain the cause that prompt measures may be taken by the Board to correct the evil

The Recorder presented the following

Resolved that it be referred to the Re[c]order the District Attorney and the Counsel of this Board, to consider and report to the Common Council, what alterations ought to *me* [be] made in the Criminal Code [158] especially as relates to the City of New York, And also whether some offences which are now only subject to penalties under the Ordinances of the Corporation, ought not to be indictable as Misdemeanors —And also that they report to this Board what alterations ought to be made in the Act entitled "An Act to reduce several Laws, relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act" and also all other Laws relating particularly to New York which have been passed subsequently to the above recited Act to the end, that all Laws relating particularly to the City of New York may be embraced in one Law

Which was adopted adding the Recorders name as Chairman of the Committe of Reference

The Recorder presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the Committe on the Canal Celebration, be authorised on behalf of the Board to cause to be printed, with the Memoir, and detailed account of the Celebration—an appropriate vote of thanks to the Societis and others who aided the Corporation therein—That the same be printed under their proper dates—And that the Committe also publish in the Book the distribution of the Medals &c

Which was adopted

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 5th Inst	43.95
Recd of the State Tax of 1824 &c	54.459.63
" Tax of 1825—3d 4th 8th 10th Wards	5.500.00
" Streets	2.641.21
" Rents	2.355.71
[159]" for Fines &c of Attorney	745.81
" Wells & Pumps	225.00
" District Attorneys fees &c	150.89
" City Prison fees	117.75
	66.239.91

55 Account were Audited & ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1 Dist	971.25
Hibberd & Clark Do 2d "	775.25
Bleakley & Brower Do 3d "	750.75
Thos Walton extra services as Captain of Watch	200.00
R Riker Chairman La Fayette Committe	1920.41
Saml F B Morse Portrait of Mr Stanford & frame	250.
M Ulshoeffer Counsel drawing Laws & other charges	201.34
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences Corporation 1 Novr to 16th Decemr	176.34
Wm A Hardenbrook 33 Sunday service 9th Ward from 1st May to 12th Decemr	49.50
J Morton Clerk C C to pay Hack hire	18.00
Abm Leggett work Mud Scow 12 days to 18th Inst	142.22
J Mitchell & Co 9 Cask Oil	852.11
Lang Turner & Co Subscription New York Gazette 6 Months 7 Decr	50.00
Representatives of late Docr Charles Belden for services at Bellevue	100.00
Alderman Wyckoffs expences to Albany for Law relating to Penetentiary	9.75
Alderman Wyckoff Commissrs granting Tavern & Excise Licence 1 May to 31st Inst	36.00
Bolton do do	36.00
King do do	36.00
St John do do	36.00
Ireland do do	36.00
[160] Mr Hone Commissrs granting Tavern & Excise licences 1 May to 31st Inst	36.00
Cowdrey do do do	36.00
Agnew do do do	36.00
Webb do do do	36.00
Burtsell do do do	36.00
Reed do do do	36.00
Hedden do do do	28.00
Mann do do do	36.00
Cox do do do	36.00
Taylor do do do	36.00
Dunscomb do do do	32.00
Davis do do do	36.00
Schieffelin do do do	36.00
Ostrander do do do	36.00
Rathbone do do do	28.00
P Stagg & Associates Assessors Canal Street sewer 2d Assessment	1158.98
H Smith bal reg & pav Cannon Street from Broome to Stanton Street	423.62
Abm Stagg Act reg & pav Pitt Street from Division to Stanton Street	200.00

C Mo[o]ney Bal repav Bowery at First Street.....				94.24	
G Charlton Bal Well Attorney St near Broome St.....				103.28	
J Gallagher Senr 1st payt Well Willet St near North Street				53.75	
J Gallagher Junr ball Well Sherriff Str near Delancy Street				42.00	
J Gallagher Junr 1st payt Well White St near Orange Street				36.12	
Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs for Markets.....				875.00	
J P Roome	do	do	Pump Department...	350.00	
J.P Roome	do	do	Fire Department....	300.00	
[161] J P Roome	do	do	Docks & Slips.....	300.00	
J P Roome	"	"	Lamps	250.00	
J.P Roome	"	"	Repairs	100.00	
R Riker Chairman Committe for Canal Celebration.....				5500.00	
J Fleming Treasurer Amount Delinquent State Taxes of 1824				1570.31	
J Fleming Treasurer to pay the State old balance of State Taxes 1815. 1816. 1817 & Interest &c.....				9381.25	
J Fleming Treasurer for a Bond 1 Feb: 1825 amt advanced for Taxes 1824 from Incorporated Companies.....				26.400.00	
A Bu[r]tis Supindt Alms House for Fever Hospital.....				2.000.00	
A Bu[r]tis Superdt Alms House for Alms House.....				8.000.00	
					64.305.47
				Balance	$1934.48

[162] Special Meeting In Common Council December 23d 1825

Present The Honbl William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thos Bolton
Elisha W King	Samel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samel Cowdrey	John Agnew
Mathew Reed	Wm Burtsell
Asa Mann	Josiah Hedden
Jacob B Taylor	Jameson Cox
Gideon Ostrander	Danel E Dunscomb
	Wm P Rathbone

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Upon *on* Motion it was resolved that the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward be discharged from the further consideration of the Petition for Cross walks in the 8th Ward referred to them at the last meeting and that the same be referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of Miln Parker for the purchase in fee of the Lot of Common Lands formerly owned by Edward Dunscomb Esqr decd and

now owned by Petitioner was presented and having been read wa referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of John B Coles for a Lease for a Ferry between thi City and Harsimus was referred to the Ferry Committe

[163] A Petition from John & Nicholas Haight remonstratin against the renewal of the Paules Hook Ferry on the terms proposed i the lease reported to the Board was read and referred to the Financ Committe

And the Lease reported at the last meeting to Messrs Ogden Colde & Swartwout which was laid for consideration was now called up an referred to the Ferry Committe

A Petition of Aaron Barnes for Office of City Weigher was rea and referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Robert Denike for Stall N° 5 Greenwich Market wa referred to the Market Committe

The Committe on the Bellevue Hospital relative to the Salary o the Clerk of the Alms House reported as follows

The Committe on the Bellvue Hospital to whom was referred resolution on the subject of increasing the compensation of C Ive Clerk of the Alms House and to consider at what time such increase compensation ought to commence

Report that by the minutes of the Board it appears Mr Ives wa appointed Clerk on the 1st November 1816 at a Salary of $500 p annum which he continued to receive till the 31st January 1820 whe it was reduced to $400 about which time many of the Officers of th Board had their saliries reduced, since which they have generally bee restored to their former amounts, or been partially increased, whils that of Clerk has remained at the reduced rate, It must be obvious t every member of the Board that the duties of this Officer has bee [164] constantly increasing and in addition thereto he has kept th accounts of the convicts working the roads and of the Building th new Hospital which being now opened and occupied by patients, wil necessarily add to his labours

As your Committe can testify to his capability industry and atten tion to the several duties required of him they are of opinion that h ought to be paid a liberal compensation for his services, they hav therefore after due consideration submitted to the Board the followin Resolution

Resolved that Chauncy Ives be paid as Clerk of the Alms House i addition to his present Salary $100 pr Annum to commence on th

31st January 1820 and to Continue to the first of January next and thereafter his Salary be $500 pr annum

Henry J Wyckoff
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor
E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the report of the Counsel on the subject of Ridge & Attorney Street presented a Report—The Report of the Counsel was as follows

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports on the within petition of several owners of property on Ridge Street—That the Commissioners of estimate and assessment had proceeded and nearly finished their duties when said petition was referred to the subscriber, and that the report and papers were nearly completed, leaving blanks for the several sums to be assessed—That the Counsel deemed it proper to submit said petition to the Commissioners, and that they thereupon sent for the parties interested, and upon [165] a full investigation of the subject, they determined that they could not make a satisfactory assessment in the matter of extending Ridge and Attorney Streets in the Fourth Ward, and they therefore have subscribed the enclosed resignation of their appointment as Commissioners in said matters—and have declined to act any further in the premises

The Counsel therefore submits the said declension of the Commissioners, in order that the board may determine whether they will apply for new Commissioners in the premises or whether they will pay the expences of said proceedings thus far, and apply to the Supreme Court for leave to withdraw and abandon the matter altogether

Respectfully submitted

N Y Decemr 12. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

The Report of the Committe was

The Street Committe beg leave to Report, on the annexed report of the Counsel, and the within Petition of certain owners of property on Ridge and Attorney Streets, and the within Resignation of the Commissioners for opening said Streets—That it appears that the Commissioners cannot make a satifactory estimate and assessment in the case of the proposed opening of said Streets—That some owners of

Lots on said streets bought the same as upon streets already opened, whereas the owner now claims to be paid for the Streets by the owners of the adjoining lots, That the Commissioners after fully considering this Matter, are of opinion, that they cannot make an equitable and just assessment in the premises; and therefore they refuse further to act in the matter—Under these Circumstances, it remains for the Board either to apply to the Court for new Commissioners, or for leave to abandon the proceedings altogether—Your Committe think it preferable to abandon the proceedings upon the [166] representation of the Commissioners who have fully investigated the whole matter. This abandonment involves in it a loss by the Board of the expences already incurred, but your Committe think this preferable to enforcing an assessment which *at* [it] appears can only operate most unjustly upon the parties interested Your committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the necessary application to the Supreme Court for leave to abandon the proceedings in this matter; and that notice of such application be given to the Street Commissioner in the papers employed by the Board in such for[m] as the Counsel shall prescribe; and that the petition for abandonment be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Sam[el] S[t] John
Signed Philip Hone

Whereupon the Report of the Committe and Resolution were adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Report of James Renwick Joseph G Swift and Robert Adrain Commissioners under the Law of 1823 reported as follows

The Street Committe beg leave Respectfully to Report to the Board that pursuant to order they have had under consideration the Reports of Joseph G Swift James Renwick and Robert Adrain Esqrs Commissioners [&c] under the Act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act to provide for the permanent regulation of certain streets in the City of New York" passed 13th April 1823. to fix upon the Regulation of certain Streets in this City and also certain remonstrances and Petitions in relation thereto—That they have devoted considerable time and attention thereto, and that altho they have been

enabled to form opinions in relation to certain parts of the proposed regulations, the[y] regret to state that the subject is of so extensive and complicated a nature as to require more time and consideration than the continuance in Office of the Committe will allow—That they however do not hesitate to express their opinion against the adoption of that part of the said regulation which proposes numerous sewers in the Streets on the low grounds about and above North Street on the East River: That they consider it would be far preferable to carry the water over the surface of the ground—That experience in their opinion, demonstrates the inexpediency and impropriety of sanctioning the system of sewers through the Streets in the City—That although the said Commissioners have submitted a plan of carrying the water over the surface, in the said part of the City, your Committe have not been enabled so far to examine particularly into all the same, as to recommend its adoption in the stead of the plan of sewers contained in the Commissioners report—That a carefull and particular examination of all the Maps, plans, profiles and calculations of the Commissioners, ought to be made before the subject is finally acted upon, as well because the matter is of great importance and requires the most serious attention, as because the proposed Regulations, when adopted, are, by the terms of the Law, to be final and conclusive

That your Committe do not consider it necessary to enter into further particulars, as to what amendments in the said proposed Regulations have been suggested to their [168] minds; that they consider the subject as requiring the most ample and full investigation; and that in order to enable the Street Commissioner to form a settled and difinitive opinion upon the whole and every part of the said plan, your Committe think that a skilfull Surveyor ought to be employed to make a careful examination of the proposed regulations—Your Committe think that when such Surveyor shall have particularly examined the whole proposed plan, under the direction of the Street Committe and Street Commissioner, the Committe will then be able to present a detailed Report to the Board of their views on the whole subject. They will the[n] be possessed of full information upon the deliberate re-examination of a competent person; and the Board in deciding upon the proposed regulations, will be in a situation to determine, with a full understanding, upon the whole plan—That from the high character and standing of the Commissioners who have proposed the plan under consideration, your Committe are the more willing to propose a definite disposition of the subject at present, and that hereafter when the Street Committe shall have particularly *have* examined

the subject, with the aid of a skilful Surveyor, the merits of the plan proposed by the Commissioners, may be more fully comprehended, and more deliberately disposed of

That much as your Committe regret the delay that has already taken and may take place, in fixing the Regulation in question, they cannot but think it far preferable for the public and the parties interested, that so important a matter should be further postponed, for a more accurate investigation than that it should be permanently decided

Your Committe are also of opinion ,that the accounts of the Commissioners for their expences, which have been referred and submitted to your Committe ought to be paid—The whole expence to the present time amounts to [169] $5660 $^{75}/_{100}$. There is a balance due them of $2660 $^{75}/_{100}$ which remains to be paid; these expences are to be hereafter assessed upon the parties interested.

Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

I Resolved that the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Street Committe be authorised to employ a competent Surveyor, to make such examinations of the plans and surveys of the Commissioners, and to perform such other duties in the premises, as may enable the Committe to Report definitively to the Board a regulation of the Streets in Question

II Resolved that the Comptroller report a warrant in favour of James Renwick and Joseph G Swift for the sum of $2660 $^{75}/_{100}$ for the balance of the Commissioners expences in the said matter

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Signed Sam^{el} S^{t} John

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition for Cross Walks in Hudson and other Streets in the 8th Ward reported as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry owners of property on Hudson Street between Spring & Charlton Streets praying that Cross Walks or stepping stones may be laid at the intersections of Spring, Vandam and Charlton Streets with Hudson Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the peti-

ioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following esolution

[170] Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Signed Samel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Resolution especting the regulating and repaving Hudson Street from Chrisopher to Hammond Street reported as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed Resoution for regulating and paving Hudson Street from Christopher to Hammond Street—Report that in their opinion such regulation and paving is necessary and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Hudson Street be regulated and paved from Chrisopher Street to Hammond Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Signed Samel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committe on the Petition to change the name of Sloat lane &c reported as follows

The Street Committe to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of the property situate on Slote Lane [171] praying that its ame may be changed to that of Exchange Street and that the same e regulated and paved—Report that in their opinion the request of the etitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that the name of Slote Lane be and is hereby changed o that of Exchange Street

Resolved that "Exchange Street" be regulated and paved and hat the Street Commissioner report the draft of an Ordinance ccordingly.

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Asa Mann
Philip Hone
Signed Samel St John

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted—And it was directed that the Resolutions be published in the Papers employed by the Board—And it was also directed that the Superintendant of Repairs put up the necessary direction boards in the Streets and to cause the houses to be numbered

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the accounts of the Marshals for taking the Census reported as follows

The Finance Committe to whom the accounts of the different Marshals of the Wards for compensation for taking the Census under the act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to provide for taking future enumerations of the Inhabitants of this State and for procuring useful Statistical Tables" passed 8th April 1825 were referred

Respectfully Report that by a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors passed on the 7th July 1825, it was determined that there should be allowed to each [172] of the Marshals of the first Eleven Wards, one and a half cent for each person enumerated and returned by each of them and to the Marshal of the Twelfth Ward two cents for each person so enumerated and returned—That the accounts of the different Marshals vary from the Resolution all of them containing more or Less extra charges not contemplated in the above Resolution, and one of them is made out at a rate not allowed for—The Committe have reduced them all to the rate provided for in the above Resolution—which they recommend shall be paid to the said Marshals. As to the extra charges: they are decidedly of opinion that they should all be rejected excepting the extra charge for four books—the State having provided only twenty, being two for each of the Ten wards, Whereas there being twelve Wards twenty four were necessary. The charges for these books vary from six dollars to Thirty six dollars per Copy—And the Committe think that as to those books the actual fair value of them should be paid; and in order to obtain this value they recommend that the Marshals charging therefor should appear before the Comptroller and give such information as may be necessary to enable the Comptroller to make up his mind on the subject—And they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions

I Resolved that the said Marshals be allowed for the enumeration of the Inhabitants of their respective wards at the rate stated in the abovementioned Resolution of the Supervisors

II Resolved that the Marshalls of the 5th 8th 9th & 10th Wards be allowed for the books which they provided for the said Census such

sums as shall appear [173] to the Comptroller to be justly due for the same

III Resolved that all the other items in the said accounts be disallowed

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm H Ireland
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of J C Tucker reported as follows

The Finance Committe to whom the annexed Petition of John Tucker praying for payment of the whole or part of his Bill for building the drain in Broad Street was referred—Respectfull Report—that the usual course of these transactions has been for the contractor to wait until the assessments for defraying the expense of these public works have been collected: That in the present case the assessments have not been made, owing to the length of time required for making the Maps—and consequently any money that may be now advanced to Mr Tucker will be out of the funds of the Corporation—In some cases however the Common Council have made advances to the Contractors they allowing Interest on those advances up to the time of the payment out of the collections These terms Mr Tucker is willing to accede to and wishes an advance of Fifteen hundred Dollars and the Committe therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

[174] Resolved That the sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be advanced to John Tucker on account of his contracts for the drain &c. in Broad Street, he allowing interest thereon up to the time of the collection of the said sum on the assessments made therefor

Respectfully submitted

Asa Mann
S Cowdrey
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe appointed by the Board of Health to examine the accounts of Printers for printing by order of the Board of Health presented the following Reports

The Committe of the Board of Health to whom were referred for auditing the following accounts having examined the same recommend that Warrants issue for the payment of the same as follows

Mercantile Advertiser	$35.62	
Commercial Advertiser	23.75	
New York Statesman	19.00	
New York American	19.50	
Lang & Turners	17.87	
Evening Post	17.25	
N Y Daily Advertiser	17.00	
		$149.99

Resolved that the above accounts be paid and that the Comptroller report Warrants therefor

Asa Mann
Henry J Wyckoff
John Webb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[175] The Market Committe on the Petition of several Butchers for Stall N° 43 Fulton Market and for a Stall in Essex Market reported as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the several accompanying Petitions of Jacob Stamler Gilbert Underhill Philip Webbers Jacob H Ridabock and Richard Dark Jun^{r} for the stand N° 43 Fulton Market, lately occupied by Jacob Stamler deceased—And of Nathaniel Underhill for the stand N° 4 Essex Market lately occupied by James Mook deceased—beg leave respectfully to Report

That the Petitioners are respectable men, and as appears from the recommendations of persons known to your Committe have all been regularly brought up to the Butchers business, either of them would therefore be entitled to receive a License—But although the practice of your Committe has always been, to recommend the granting of Licences for stands, on the relinquishment of the Lessees in favour of the applicants, when they were satisfied that the public interest would not suffer by the change, They do not feel themselves at liberty to pursue the same course, in cases when they may become vacant by the demise of the Lessees, but consider themselves bound by a resolution of the Board passed Nov^{r} 11th 1822 to order them to be sold at Auction to the highest bidder

Cases may occur in which the sympathy of the Board, as well as their sense of justice may call upon them to give a preference to the claims of the sons of deceased persons who may apply for the priviledge of carrying on the business, for the benefit of the Families of the deceased, But in the present instances no such appeal can be made, as the former Lessees have left no children, and in the case of the stand N° 43 Fulton Market applications have been [176] received from five different persons presenting claims so nearly equal, that if the Committe were not bound by the resolution of the Board, it would be impossible to make a selection—Your Committe therefore beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the several Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petitions, And that the Leases of the stands N° 43 Fulton Market and N° 4 Essex Market be sold at Public Auction for one year from the first day of May next under direction of the Market Committe

Philip Hone
Wm H Ireland
New York Decr 23 1825 D E Dunscomb
Signed Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Ferries to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for establishment of an additional Ferry from South of Fulton Street to Long Island reported as follows

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of Brooklyn and New York praying that an additional Ferry may be established South of Fulton Slip to a point near the residence of Mr Pierpont at Brooklyn—Report that they have very fully deliberated on the subject committed to them, and which may naturally be divided into two questions Vizt

1st Whether it be expedient to establish a new Ferry at the place desired by the petitioners, and if it is, then

2dly Whether the Common Council have power to establish [177] such ferry consistent with the grant heretofore made to the Lessees of the Fulton Slip Ferry

With respect to the first, it is obvious that the rapid increase of Brooklyn has already, or shortly may render an additional number of Ferries very convenient to its inhabitants by facilitating their intercourse with this City, but it is very doubtful whether that part of Brooklyn where it is proposed to locate a Ferry, is at present sufficiently populated to justify the measure under any circumstances

It is understood that the applicants are the proprietors of a considerable tract of Land at Brooklyn, lying in the vicinity of the prop[o]sed location—That the establishment of a Ferry there would tend greatly to their benefit is not to be doubted and however desirable that might be to us it is a circumstance which your committe think ought not to have much weight in the decision of a question involving the interest of the City alone, But whatever advantages the inhabitants of Brooklyn might derive from another Ferry, it is still more doubtful whether the Co[n]venience of our own Citizens require it—Many years ago the Old Ferry was established at the Foot of Maiden Lane, then it was considered that public Convenience required its removal to Fulton Slip, and the lower part of the City has not since increased nor has the business part of Brooklyn extended much to the South of the Ferry Slip on that side—The establishment of a new Ferry at the Southerly part of the City will moreover deprive the citizens of that section of an important Slip, and in a pecuniary point of view therefore, it cannot be attended with much advantage to the Treasury

But as to the second point—Have the Common Council the power to grant a new Ferry at the place under consideration—In the lease to Messrs Cutting & Fulton is contained a covenant on the part of the Corporation in substance that [178] "they would not grant or permit any Ferry to be established from any place South of Catherine Slip to "Brooklyn" during the continuance of that Lease" It is contended by the petitioners that by the word Brooklyn nothing more than the cluster of Houses then erected and known by that name is to be understood, and that the Corporation have the right to establish another Ferry at any point out of the Bounds of Brooklyn as it then was—On the other side it is asserted that inasmuch as Brookly[n] was not at that time incorporated as a Village, the Town of Brooklyn was intended, and therefore no other Ferry can be established there without interfering with their rights—On this point several of the most distinguished Jurists of the State have given opposite opinions, and therefore your Committe would fain avoid expressing their own opinion, did not their duty require it of them In examining the question your Committe have considered it not less important to ascertain in fact what was intended by the parties by the word Brooklyn, as what may be the Law in relation to it, as every party, w[h]ether a body politick, or an individual is bound by the paramount Law of morality to execute a contract according to the real understanding of both parties, notwithstanding any ambiguity which may be found in the contract as reduced to writing

First then as to the question of Law, arising on the words of the covenant, which could only have been introduced in order to protect the Lessees from a rival Ferry in their vicinity—And here it may be observed that in all the Ferry Leases granted by the Corporation, they have inserted a simular covenant, that no other ferry should be set up, within a certain specefied distance on either side of the termini of such ferry—But in case it was contemplated to set up another Ferry so near as to interfere materially with the one granted they have taken special care to introduce a proviso reserving the power to [179] do so, such a proviso is contained in a former Lease of the Catherine Slip Ferry reserving the right to establish a Ferry from Walnut Street Slip to the Wallabout—This is sufficient to show that the Corporation in granting ferries have always been aware of the well known rule of Common Law which prohibits the establishment of a new Ferry, so near an old one as materially to interfere with, or draw off its custom—Can it then be supposed that the Corporation considered the rights of the Lessees at Fulton Slip Ferry sufficiently guarded by a covenant not to establish another Ferry to Brooklyn, if by the word Brooklyn they intended no more than the cluster of Houses then known by that name, for if such was the case, then another ferry could immediately after have been set up within twenty yards south of their landing place on the Long Island side which was at the extreme southerly boundary of what was then considered the village of Brooklyn—This construction does not seem reasonable or just, the more so because the rent reserved is to increase at stated periods during the Term, obviously under an expectation of an increase of the revenue from the Ferry—Such increase could not reasonably be expected from an increase of population in that section of the City which did not admit of such increase—It could only then be anticipated from an increase of Brooklyn which has since been realised—And it seems to your Committe that such is the fair construction of the Covenant

But independant of any Legal construction your Committe have ascertained to their entire satisfaction that such was in point of fact, the bona fide understanding of the contracting parties. If then it should hereafter appear, that the Public Good requires another Ferry —to the Southward of that at Fulton Slip, a fair equivalent ought in the opinion of your Committe to be granted to the [180] proprietors of that Ferry before a new one is granted

Your Committee submit to the Consideration of the Common Council the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petition

All which is respectfully submitted

Wm P Rathbone
E W King
N York 23d December 1825 Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted—Mr Bolton gave notice of reconsideration

The Counsel agreeably to direction presented the following report in relation to the duties of the Street Inspectors in removing snow from the side walks

The Counsel respectfully reports, that he has prepared the enclosed ordinance (agreeably to the directions of the Board) making it the duty of the Street Inspectors to clear off the Ice and Snow whenever the citizens neglect that duty

The Counsel has however deemed it proper to add two sections to the ordinance, which appeared to him to be necessary, The second section provides that the snow and ice shall also be cleared away from in front of public buildings and places, As the Street Inspectors cause the streets to be swept during summer in front of public buildings and places, it seems proper that the public property should be cleared of snow and ice in winter, in the same manner as private property—The third section provides for appointing Eleven Street Inspectors, corresponding with Eleven Wards (excepting the 12th) whereas the existing Law only [181] provides for nine inspectors corresponding with nine wards (excepting the old 9th) This provision is necessary to give to the Street Laws an equal attention in the present eleven Lower Wards of the City

Respectfully submitted

Decr 20. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same being read the Law was passed under the Title of "A Law relating to the removal of snow and ice from the side walks"

The Counsel presented the following report on Leases to Thomas Longworth &c

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a Lease to Thomas Longworth of all those 2 Lots in the ninth Ward, on the West side of Broadway assessed as belonging to George Mann for the term of eighteen years

Also a Lease to Bradhurst of ten acres of land in the ninth Ward on the middle road near the Sixth Avenue assessed as belonging to Bradhurst and Field for the term of 7 years

these peices of property were sold for non payment of taxes on the 5th November A D 1823 And not having been redeemed within two years, the purchasers are entitled to their Leases for the same. The Leases are accordingly made out by direction of the Street Commissioner

Respectfully Submitted

Decemr 21. 1825 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the subject of the refusal of the Bell ringers to ring the Church Bells at Fires presented a Report by which it appeared that the Bell ringers had entered into an association not to ring the Bells unless paid therefor the sum of $25 per annum

[182] Whereupon the same was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

The following persons were appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 28

John Boss Cabinet Maker 607 Broadway

Vc William B De Lamater Resigned

No 36

Richard Kelsey Wheel Wright Cr Broome & Clark St

Vc Elihu Noble Resigned

No. 44

William Gerven House Carpenter Lewis Cor of Fourth Str

Vc Thaddeus Bell	Resigned
John Woolsey	Do
Thomas C Walworth	do
Jehemiah Waterbury	Do
George W Smith	Do

The City Inspector presented a Report stating that the state of Amity Lane lying between Mercer & Wooster Streets and Bleecker & Amity Streets was at present a Nuisance was referred to the Street Committe

A Deed of Cession from Alfred J Pell and wife and Thomas R Mercein of part of 5th and McDougal Streets to the Corporation was presented and referred to the Counsel

The Sheriff of the City (P H Wendover Esq[r]) to whom was referred the account of Thomas Vebers for refreshments furnished to Jurors amounting to $42, reported [183] that under all the circumstances of additional cost and trouble in furnishing the supplies he was [of] opinion that the Bill is not unreasonable—Whereupon it was Resolved that the Bill be paid and the Comptroller report a Warrant therefor

A Communication was received from the New York Gas light Company stating that they have received the order of the Board to take up the pipes which they had laid down in the streets beyond Grand Street

That they are perfectly willing to comply with the order of the Board but doubt their being able to do it in the present Cold weather and therefore request indulgence until the spring for the removal of those pipes—which having been read was referred to the Street Committe with powers

Alderman Taylor presented the following Resolved that it be referred to a Committe of three with authority to arrange the Common Council chamber for the accomodation of the new members—which was agreed to and the President appointed on that Committe Alderman Taylor M[r] Bolton M[r] Hone

Alderman Dunscomb presented the following which was adopted—In consequence of a Destructive fire in the 8[th] Ward—Resolved that the Committe on the Fire department be instructed to enquire into the expediency of filling all the Public Cisterns with water forthwith

Resolved that the Fire Companies be requested to volunteer their services to carry the above into effect

[184] Alderman King presented a Resolution to grant at a nominal rent the Flag Staff at the Battery to Benjamin Demilt for the purpose of establishing an Observatory—the consideration of which was postponed

The Report of the Street Committe on Henry Street which was laid for consideration was now called up and the first Report read was in the words following

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons praying that measures may be adopted to widen and improve Henry Street between Oliver Street and Rutgers Street agreeably to the cession made by the Rutgers Family—Report that in the opinion of your Committe the time has arrived when that Street should be widened and regulated in order that the proprietors of Lots may improve their property on a permanent regulation

Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

I Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience that application be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening and improving Henry Street from Oliver Street to Rutgers Street—and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary and usual measures for having the same carried into effect

II Resolved that the profile of Henry Street with the lines of Regulation as herewith submitted be adopted as the permanent regulation of that Street

Jacob B Taylor
Asa Mann
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Philip Hone

[185] The second Report was as follows

The Street Committe respectfully report that they have reconsidered their Report which was referred back to them, together with a remonstrance, on the subject of widening and improving Henry Street; And after examining the premises in question, and the remonstrance against the proposed improvement, they are still of the opinion expressed in their former report—Your Committe have no doubt that said improvement must take place at no very remote period, and ought to take place; and they think the longer it is delayed, the greater will be the impediments in its way—They therefore recommend that the two Resolutions contained in their former report (which report is annexed hereto) be adopted by the Board, together with the following as a third resolution

III Resolved, that the Petition in said matter shall not be presented to the Supreme Court, until the Rutgers family shall execute a covenant (simular to the one executed by them in the case of Bancker Street) as to tenants holding leasehold estates under them on Henry Street—All which is respectfully submitted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Samel St John
Asa Mann
Philip Hone

Whereupon the same were approved and the Resolution adopted—Mr Dunscomb gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a Reconsideration

[186] In Common Council December 26th 1825

The Hon: William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire

Alderman	Assistants
Henry J Wyckoff	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W King	Samel St John
Wm H Ireland	Philip Hone
Samuel Cowdrey	John Agnew
John Webb	William Burtsell
Mathew Reed	Josiah Hedden
Asa Mann	Jameson Cox
Jacob B Taylor	Daniel E Dunscomb
Gideon Ostrander	Effingham Scheiffelin
	Wm P Rathbone

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Robert Bogardus for reduction of Quit rent on a Water Grant reported against the Petition as follows

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Robert Bogardus Esquire

Respectfully Report

That General Bogardus prays for a reduction of a quit rent of $6 87/100 on a Water Grant held by him on the ground that part of the land on which the said rent is reserved has been used as a Public Street and he prays the Committe for such reduced Quit Rent only, and thus to hold the whole property discharged by payment of only part—The Committe have examined into the [187] matter and are of opinion that the prayer of the said Petition should not be granted—General Bogardus has been compensated for the fee of the part of the said premises used as a Street—The[y] therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition

Asa Mann
Wm H Ireland
Henry J Wyckoff
Wm Burtsell

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the Lease of Paules Hook Ferry and the Remonstrances of John B Coles and J & N Haight reported as follows

The Ferry Committe to whom was referred the Dft of a Lease of Powles Hook ferry, as drawn by the Counsel of this Board, together

with a remonstrance of John B Coles and others beg leave to Report

That they have reconsidered the subject referred to them, and after due consideration believe that it is for the Public good, as well as in accordance to the Contract made with C D Colden Samuel Swartwout and Francis B Ogden that said Lease should be executed—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to execute said Lease when engrossed on the [188] part of this Corporation during the recess of the Board. all which is respectfully submitted

Wm P Rathbone
Asa Mann
E W King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on the Bellvue Hospital presented the following Report on the subject of their having employed additional Physicians at the Alms House during the late Epedemic

The Committe on the Bellvue Hospital beg leave to Report—That in pursuance of the authority vested in them by the Common Council, they engaged three distinguished Physicians to aid the consulting Physician of the Alms House in Inspection of the *B*[P]enitentiary at the commencement of the epedemic which prevailed in that prision, and in the Alms House last spring—That those three Gentlemen Viz Doctor Bailey J N Smith & Wood performed that duty to the entire satisfaction of your Committe—And the two latter Gentlemen attended regularly to visit the patients dailey for about two months in consultation with the resident Physician

Those Gentlemen have presented their bills for their services amounting in all to Five hundred & fifty dollars which your Committe deem reasonable

They therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Doctor Joseph Bailey for Fifty dollars and a warrant in favor of J N Smith and Isaac Wood for each Two hundred and fifty [189] dollars. All which is submitted

Henry J Wyckoff
E W King
Asa Mann
Jacob B Taylor

N York 23 Decemr. 1825

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Alderman Cowdrey presented the following—Resolved that it be referred to the Committe on Laws to report a revision of the Rules and

orders relating to the manner of conducting debates in this Board, which was read and laid on the table

Mr Bolton presented a Resolution referring to the Committe on the Fire Department to enquire of the Officers of the different Churches and Religious Societies in this City whether any order has been issued to the Sextons forbidding the ringing of Church bells in this City at the time of Fires or of any combinations among the Sextons and to report to the Board—which was agreed and reference made accordingly

Alderman King presented the following Resolution—Resolved that there be allowed to Egbert Benson Esqr for his services in respect to the claim of N Jersey to the Jurisdiction of the Waters within the limits of this City in addition to the like sum heretofore allowed by the State the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars—Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution that the Counsel apply to the Supreme Court for taking in the [190] usual manner a portion of ground obstructing 13th Street between Greenwich Lane and the Kill road—which was read and laid on the table

The minutes *when* [were] then read and approved of

This being the day prescribed by Law for the newly Elected Members & Officers to take the Oaths prescribed by Law the following Gentlemen attended and took the oath prescribed by the Constitution in the presence of the Common Council—for return of officers see page 60

The late Members then retired and the newly elected Members took their seats and the Board was formed as follows

The Honbl William Paulding Mayor
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Alderman	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thos Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Daniel E Dunscomb	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Members having taken their seats Alderman Dunscomb moved that the Rules and Orders for the conducting of business at the Meetings of the Common Council be referred to a Special Committe. After some [191] discussion Mr Schieffelin moved as an amendment that the present rules and orders be adopted, and that it be referred to a special Committe to consider and report such Alterations therein as they should deem advisable the Question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative—The President then appointed the following Gentlemen to form that Committe Alderman Dunscomb Mr Van Wyck Mr Bolton Alderman Taylor & the Recorder

The Rules and Orders adopted were as follows

Rules and Orders of the Common Council of the City of New York Passed December 26. 1825

I. Upon the appearance of seven Aldermen and seven Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take chair as President, and the members be called to order.

II. Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein, may be corrected by the Board

III The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

IV. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more

V. Every member, previous to his speaking, shall rise [192] from his seat, and address himself to the President

VI. When two or more Members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is to speak first.

VII. No person shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until each member choosing to speak, shall have spoken

VIII. No question on a motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it

IX. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment

X. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless— 1. To amend it— 2. To commit it— 3. To postpone it— 4. For the previous question or— 5. to adjourn

XI. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate

XII. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—" shall the main question now be put."

XIII. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

XIV. A member called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

XV All questions shall be put in the order they are [193] moved, except that in filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

XVI. Upon a division in the Board, the names who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it.

XVII. In all divisions taken by the Board, it shall be the duty of the Clerk, to enter on the minutes, the *m*[n]ame of the member calling for the division.

XVIII. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

XIX. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board and a majority of the whole number of votes, shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

XX. No member shall absent himself without permission of the President.

XXI. All committes shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committes appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a state of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received, unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committe

XXII. Whenever the doors are directed to be closed, all persons excepting the members and Clerk of the Common Council shall retire.

XXIII. His Honor the Mayor shall be a member of all Standing Committes; Provided always, that it shall not be necessary for him to sign any report, and the majority of the members of any such Committe exclusive of the Mayor shall be sufficient to pass a resolution.

XXIV. A motion for the order of the day, shall take precedence [194] of all other motions, and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions and original communications

XXV. Every petition, remonstrance, or other written application, intended to be presented to the Common Council, is to be delivered to the Mayor, or any other member of the Board on any day, but not later than four oclock on the day on which the Common Council convenes, except on extraordinary occasions; and the Mayor or other member to whom it shall be given, shall examine the same, and endorse thereon the name of the applicant, and the substance of such application, and sign his name thereto, which endorsement only shall be read by the President, unless a member shall require the whole to be read

XXVI. The Standing Committes shall be as follows,

1. Applications for Office.
2. Applications to Legislature.
3. Assessments.
4. Arts and Sciences.
5. Canal.
6. Charity.
7. Ferries.
8. Finances.
9. Fire Department.
10. Lamps.
11. Laws.
12. Markets.
13. Police.
14. Public Lands and Places.
15. Public Offices.
16. Repairs.
17. Roads.
18. Streets.
19. Watch.
20. Wharves Piers and Slips.

Those on Applications, Arts and Sciences, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, and Charity, shall consist of three, and the others of five.

The Mayor then stated that if it was agreeable to the Board he would proceed to appoint the Standing Committes some considerable discussion having arisen Alderman Reed moved that the Board adjourn

A division have been called by Alderman Taylor the [195] Members voted as follows

Negative The Recorder Alderman Cebra Gilford White Agnew Lamb Cox Taylor Ostrander Mr Bolton Mott Hitchcock Lozier Coe Engs Peters Valentine Pittman 18

Affirmative Alderman Reed Dunscomb Rathbone Mr Van Wyck Arcularius—5

So the question passed in the Negative—Mr Van Wyck then moved that the appointment of the Standing Committes be postponed—The question being taken thereon and a Division having been called by Alderman Taylor the Members voted as follows.

Negative The Recorder Alderman Cebra Gilford White Agnew Lamb Cox [196] Alderman Taylor Ostrander Mr Bolton Mott Lozier Coe Engs Peters Valentine Pittman 17.

Affirmative Alderman Reed Dunscomb Rathbone Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Schieffelin 7

So it passed in the Negative

His Honor the Mayor then appointed the following Standing Committes for the ensuing year.

1. Applications to Legislature.
   Mr Mott.
   Bolton.
   Alderman Taylor.
   White.
   Lamb.

2 Applications for Office.
   Mr Lozier.
   Alderman Cox.
   Mr Hitchcock.

3. Arts and Sciences.
   Alderman Dunscomb.
   Mr Arcularius.
   Lozier.

4. Assessments.
   Mr Peters
   Alderman Gilford
   Dunscomb
   Mr Van Wyck.
   Mott.

5. Canals.
   Mr Engs.
   Alderman Rathbone.
   Reed.
   Mr Arcularius.
   Mr Peters.

6. Charity.
   Mr Schieffelin.
   Alderman Gilford.
   Mr Valentine.

7. Ferries.
   Alderman Rathbone.
   Cebra.
   Mr Mott.

[197] 8 Finance.
   Alderman White.
   Agnew.
   Lamb.
   Reed.
   Mr Bolton.

9. Fire Department.
   Alderman Agnew.
   Gilford.
   White.

10. Lamps.
   Mr Coe.
   Alderman Ostrander.
   Lamb.

11. Laws.
   Mr Van Wyck.
   Bolton.
   Schieffelin.

12. Lands and Places.
   Mr Bolton.
   Alderman Ostrander.
   Agnew.
   Davis.
   Mr Van Wyck.

13. Markets.

Alderman Reed
Dunscomb
Cebra
Mr Valentine

14. Police.

Alderman Cebra
Davis
Mr Van Wyck
Schieffelin.
Coe.

15. Public Offices

Alderman Gilford
Taylor
Mr Mott
Coe
Engs.

16. Repairs

Alderman Ostrander
Cox
Mr Pitman

17. Roads.

Alderman Davis
Taylor
Agnew
Reed
Cebra

18. Streets.

Alderman Taylor
Ostrander
White
Rathbone
Mr Coe

19. Watch.

Alderman Cox
Mr Valentine
Peters
Arcularius
Engs

[198] 20. Wharves Piers and Slips.

Alderman Lamb
Reed
Taylor
Mr Hitchcock
Pittman.

Special Committees

1. Water

His Honor the Mayor
Alderman Davis
Agnew
White
Mr Mott.

2. Fever Hospital.

Alderman Taylor
Davis
Cebra
Mr Mott
Coe.

3. Jail and Bridewell.

Alderman Reed
Taylor
Lamb
Gilford
Mr Van Wyck

4. Battery.

Alderman Cebra
Rathbone
Gilford
Mr Arcularius
Lozier

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that the Clerk be directed to furnish the newly Elected Members with a Sett of the Laws of the State, a Copy of the Charter of the City and Ordinances of the Corporation and with Prior & Dunnings Map of the City.

It was also ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs furnish to the newly elected Members of the Board the Staves of Office.

[199] The Resolution respecting taking a portion of ground, to open 13th Street which was laid on the table was now called up and referred to the Street Committe

Alderman Agnew gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move to go into the appointment of the Mayor for the year ensuing

The Board then adjourned to meet on Teusday next 3d January a[t] 5 OClock

[200] In Common Council January 3d 1826

Present The Honble William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samel Gilford	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Danel E Dunscomb	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
Wm P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
Wm A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Alderman William A Davis appeared was qualified and took his seat as a Member of the Board.

A Petition of James Seamen for office of Inspector of Fire wood was read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John Dougherty owner of House No 119 Bancker Street praying said House may be permitted to remain as it now is— was referred to the Street Committe

[201] A Petition of Gilbert Hicks for remission of a penalty incurred for not filling in a Lot, which was read and referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of Henry Crosby for appointment as a Lamp lighter was referred to the Lamp Committe

A Petition of Herman Vosburgh for permission to assign to William & Gerardus Post, lease of Lot No 104 Chatham Street stating also he had permission on 5th August 1817 to assign said Lease to Ernest Kast but that he only Mortgaged the same to Kast who trans-

ferred it to the Washington Insurance Company. The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition was also received from Herman Vosburgh praying permission to assign to William & Gerardus Post a small portion of a Lot corner of Duane and Chatham Street assigned to Petitioner by John Hibbard—which being read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of William Wiley offering his services to read such Memorials and Papers as require to be publicly read was referred to the Law Committe

A Petition from Moses S Pike to be relieved from a fine incurred by acting as a Pawn Broker previous to receiving a Licence was referred to the Police Committe.

A request from the Trustees of the City Dispensary for payment of the Annual Donation was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

[202] A Petition of John Alexander for Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office.

A Petition of W^m^ Moore for Stall N^o^ 49 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of Jonothan Ogden and others praying that the Stone Building on the Battery called the Flag Staff may be removed was read and referred to the Committe on Lands and Places.

A Petition of Roswell Saltonstall for pecuniary aid to frame and perfect a Wheel which by application to Levers will be of great advantage in Mechanics was read and referred to the Committe on Arts and Sciences.

A further Petition of James Amory praying the Corporation to join him in making a partition Wall between his and their lands in the Middle Road or to sell him a lot of ground of Five acres which joins his ground which was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of John Hunter for relief from a Personal Tax assessed on him in the 8^th^ Ward, he being a [resident] in Westchester County—was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the First Ward praying that a Watch House may be located in said Ward was read and referred to the Watch Committe

[203] A Petition from Peter Aimes praying to be heard before a Committe of the Board, previous to his expulsion from Fire Engine

Company N° 21, be acted upon—was read and referred to the Committe on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Brewer for Stall N° 10 Grand Street Market was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of Joseph Hart for remission of a penalty incurred by buying and selling certain articles as a Pawn Broker without having obtained a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of Jacob Weaver Master of Sloop Concord for relief from fine incurred by disobeying the orders of the Lessees of Public Slips in relation to the removal of his Vessel—was read and referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of Samuel Martine for Stall N° 12 Washington Market at present occupied by Valentine Merkle was referred to the Market Committe.

An account of the Estate of Charles Finn with Judah Hammond late Public Administrator was presented and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Anson Blake and others praying that Garden Street might be straightned and extended on an Easterly direction on the rear of the Wall Street lots to the Lot of Dan[l] M[c]Cormick and on that Lot to Wall street—also that Slote Lane (now Exchange Street) may be widened and extended thirty feet wide to Garden Street and also widened by taking a part of the property of Thomas H Thomas to range with the [XX] new stores lately erected. the same having been read was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1[st] Ward—and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise the said improvement for objections thereto.

A Petition of James Ladd to Lease the Flag Staff at the Battery accompanied with recommendations therefor from a number of Citizens was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places

The Sheriff of the City and County of New York (Peter H Wendover Esq[r]) on the account of George G Smith referred to him reported in favor of the same—Whereupon a Warrant was directed to be reported in his favor for Fifteen dollars

He also reported in favour of Simon Van Antwerp Jun[r] for an account for refreshments to Jurors amounting to thirteen dollars and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the (late) 9[th] Ward to whom was referred a Petition of the Chemical Manufacturing Company praying

that 32d Street may be opened, presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table.

The Committe on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of a public Well at the corner of Grand and Laurens Street reported in favour as follows.

The Committe on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Subject of a Public Well at the corner of Grand and Laurens Streets Report.

[205] That they have given the subject that consideration that it requires, and are unanimously of opinion that the section of the City referred to requires something to be done by which it may be protected in time of Fire, from the situation of the ground Public cisterns could not be placed there with safety, the river is about 2500 feet from the above named place, and there is no other supply of water within a shorter distance.

They offer for consideration the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Committe on the Fire Department cause a Well to be sunk at the Corner of Grand and Laurens Streets simular to the one in the Public Yard

John Agnew
Samel Gilford Junr
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Report of the City Inspector relating to sunken lots in Amity Lane presented the following Report.

The Street Committe respectfully report on the annexed communication of the City Inspector, respecting certain sunken lots between Bleecker and Amity Streets, heretofore known as Amity Lane—That your Committe agree with the City Inspector that said lots are a nuisance: and as the same have been long in that condition, owing to the neglect and refusal of the owners to fill the same up, your Committe think that the lots ought to be filled up by the City Inspector, and sold for the expence—And they have had the enclosed ordinance prepared for that purpose, which they recommend should be passed

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
William S Coe

[206] Which was approved, and the Ordinance presented by them was passed under the Title of " An Ordinance directing certain sunken lots to be filled in.

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Wardens 5th Ward

John H Smith Carpenter, Thomas Street
Vc Henry M Ludlum Time Expired

Hook & Ladder Company

No 3.

Jacob Morris Carpenter Perry Street To fill the Company
James Harsen Shoemaker Greenwich Lane [&] 8 Avenue
To fill the Company

Fire Engine Company

No 11

Frederick Hadley Accountant 109 Water Street
Vc Abraham Durkin Resigned

No 21

Thomas Bloomer Carpenter 9 Fletcher Street
Vc David Funck Time expired

No 23

John Striker Pump Maker 95 Sullivan Street
Vc Sydney Wilson Deceased

No 40

David Glashan Butcher 133 Elizabeth Street
Vc Daniel Mastin Time expired

The Counsel presented a Deed of Cession from Alfred S Pell and wife and Thomas R Mercien of certain parts of McDougall & 5th Streets which was referred back to the Counsel

He also presented a Covenant by the [207] Rutgers Family as to Lessees on Henry Street which was laid on the Table

The Comptroller presented an Annual Report—The Account of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1825—The Cash account for the same period—And an Estimate of Receipts and Payments for the Current Year

Annual Report.

Agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council, an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the past year; also, the Account of

the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, for the like term are respectfully presented. A Balance sheet will be pepared by the next meeting of the Board.

Balance in the Treasury December 31. 1824		$2.309.24
Received do to December 31. 1825		778,077.82
		780.387.06
Paid out on 1530 Warrants		750.592.56
Balance in the Treasury December 31st 1825		$29,794.50

No purchases have been made during the year, by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, of any part of the City Stock, in consequence of its advanced premium, which would not justify the measure, as well as on account of a suitable investment of the funds under their controul.

City Debt

Total amount of 6 per cents		$900.000.00
Do 5 per cents of 1820		200.000.00
Do 5 per cents of 1821		200.000.00
		$1,300.000.00
Bonds issued from Jan: 1 to Decr 31st 1825 unpaid		112.000.00
		$1.412.000.00
[208] Purchased by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to December 31. 1825		
Six per cents	192.600.00	
Five per cents of 1820	81.500.00	
Five per cents of 1821	48.200.00	
	322.300.00	
Cash to their credit	152.472.01	
		474.772.01
Total amount of City Debt. December 31, 1825		$937.227.99

The bonds above mentioned, were issued for loans made in anticipation of the taxes of 1825, a small proportion of which are yet collected and paid into the treasury; and it is expected that a considerable part of the bonds will be cancelled within six months. Several payments have been made during the year, which had not been anticipated. in the calculations estimated at the commencement thereof. They amount to	$58.460.78
Added to this, there is a reduction of the taxes of the county, retained by the State, under the law passed in 1823	35,284.88
	$93.745.66

In those extra disbursements, there is a balance paid to the state of $9,381.25, for interest on unsettled state taxes of former years, the principal having been already paid; which with $1.570.31, amount of delinquent taxes of 1824, makes a final settlement with the State to the present period. An advance has been made of $28,110.25, for building a bulkhead and filling the block between Rivington and Stanton streets on the East River. When the work shall be completed, it has been understood that the whole would be sold in lots, to reimburse the expence. As the season approaches for making a disposition of this property, the subject is brought to view, for the determination of the Common Council.

[209] Owing to several material defects in the Act for the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, passed April 23, 1823, a large deficiency is found yearly in the amount collected in this City; and unless an alteration of the law should be made, we must continue to experience a burdensome addition to our taxes, and be constantly liable to vague and uncertain estimates of the sum to be annually levied. The subject is again presented, from a full conviction, that if practible, an alteration in the act before mentioned, should be effected as early as possible, to render it more equitable as it respects the fiscal concerns of this city, as well as just in its operation throughout the State. The necessary explanations on this subject have already been communicated, and will no doubt be placed in their proper channel, for attaining the desired end.

As the six per cent stock may be redeemed at the close of the present year, an act of the Legislature will be necessary to enable the Corporation to create a new loan, on such terms as they may think best, for the purpose of discharging a part or the whole of the said stock, as may be most suitable to existing circumstances. Connected with this subject, will be a disposal of that part of the public property, which it may be deemed advantageous to sell. Some small portions are entirely unproductive and several yeild an interest which cannot be considered sufficient to justify a retention under the present situation of the public debt. The first term of a number of leases of houses and lots of ground, will expire the ensuing season, and the renewal of them will *be* necessarily be attended with much circumspection; as vairous considerations will arise in adjusting the Conditions of a new term. Many detached peices of property, in various parts of the City, will also have to be let or leased in a short time, unless it should be thought advisable to sell them, and apply the proceeds to the Sinking Fund— The Commissioners have steadily had in view an extinguishment of

the City Debt at as early a day as possible, [210] consistent with public interest; and should it be advantageous to have recourse to another loan at the proper period, to liquidate the existing one before noticed; the greatest possible reduction of the debt prior thereto, would no doubt meet the wishes of a large proportion of the community.

In a former report, the expediency of selling the Docks & Slips in convenient sections, subject to the regulations of the Common Council relative to a certain description of vessels lying therein; was recommended as a measure tending to benefit the pecuniary concerns of the Corporation, in various points of view. The propriety of the plan has met with the concurrence of many, who are peculiarly conversant with public business; and it is thought that a repetition of the subject at this time, would not be altogether unsuitable.

The expence of supporting not only our own, but foreign poor, will of necessity increase with the extension of the City, and it must be evident, that the sum allowed by the State eight years since, cannot be sufficient to supply at this time, the demands which are annually arising.

It will also be remembered, that the present annuity from the State, is in lieu of the Auction duties accruing in this City; one third of which, formerly went into our Treasury, and these are greatly increased since the alteration was made. The pending application to the Legislature, for an additional Sum, is founded on equitable and correct principles, and it is hoped will obtain that decision, which the justice of the case requires.

Although not immediately connected with the concerns of this department, yet the importance of the subject to the cause of humanity, and its effect on the disbursments of the Alms House establishment, concur in approving an application to the State, for the re-conveyance of a plot of ground, formerly annexed to the [211] Arsenal lot in the Sixth Ward, between Walker and White streets. This place from its central situation, would be convenient for a City Dispensary, an enlargement of which is much wanted. The valuable benefits arising from this excellent institution, would justify the erection of a spacious edifice, if the desired location can be effected; while the advantages derived to the state from its retention, is merely nominal.

The law of the Common Council relating to Jurors, passed May 4th 1825, has been found not to answer the desired end. Many inaccuracies have arisen, from the mode pursued in obtaining a list of Jurors. It is respectfully suggested, that instead of the duty being attached to the Assessors of Taxes, a competent person should be appointed

in each ward in the month of May, for the special purpose of making a correct return of persons legally liable to do jury duty.

A Statement is herewith presented, of the probable receipts and payments of the current year, although it will be proper to reiterate a remark suggested on former occasions that the uncertainty of what expences will be incurred from time to time, where there are no special appropriations, renders a schedule of this kind extremely indefinite. From a review of former proceedings connected with the probable cost of improvements necessarily arising from the constant growth of the City, and the increase of real and personal estates liable to taxation, it is supposed that an addition of fifty thousand dollars to the amount of Tax applied for in 1825 will not be too great to meet the public exigencies of the present, and supply the deficiencies of the past year.

There are several expences at present incurred by the Corporation, which might be readily dispensed with, without public inconvenience. Custom has sanctioned many, which experience proves to be unnecessary, and calculated to swell the amount of disbursments. Notwithstanding the improvements [212] which have been made in the financial department, in the course of a few years past, it is still susceptible of alteration in some of its branches, which time and obsevation decide to be expedient and proper.

While the ordinary annual debts of the City, although gradually progressing with the increase of wealth and population may conveniently be met by the revenue arising from public property of various descriptions, and a moderate Tax on real and personal estates; the applications which are frequently made to discharge demands arising from new improvements, not embraced in the annual estimate of expences, cause a recurrence of loans necessary, to have an unfavourable tendency to impair the beneficial effects of the Sinking Fund. Until an alteration takes place in the manner of appropriating the funds, we will be subject to a protracted burden of debt, and a consequent increase of taxes. The proper charges of the City, consistent with a due administration of its affairs, it is thought might be embraced in an amount far short of the present actual yearly expenditure

But many obstacles oppose a reform, where a variety of conflicting interests are arrayed against an innovation on what is considered established usage. The difficulty therefore attendant on any plan of Retrenchment, where the rapid increase of population and wealth, is indicative of prosperity, nearly renders useless any attempt to introduce an abridgment of expences.

Should however, a system of Finance be pursued with energy and decision, whereby the debts shall not be increased beyond the amount of receipts for taxes and revenue, to be estimated at the commencement of each year, the operation of the Sinking Fund would in a short time produce such a diminution of the debt, as [213] would place our municipal concerns in a very favourable and satisfactory condition

Respectfully Submitted

G N Bleecker
Comptroller

New York January 2d 1826

Dr Cash Account for the year 1825

For Balance in the Treasury as per last account dated 31st December 1824	2.309.24
Amount of Receipts into the Treasury since that time under the following heads viz[t]	
Taxes for 1822 $167.87 of 1824 $269.107.17 and of 1825 $55,400.00	324.675.04
Streets Assessments for opening widening improving regulating and paving, including Sewers	150.927.22
Bonds Payable, borrowed on thirteen bonds	138.400.00
Docks and Slips, for rent and account of building Bulkheads	41.855.95
Justices Courts, Fees from the four District Courts	7.825.79
Tavern and Excise Licences	26.069.
Penalties from Attorney for violations of the Burial and other Laws	6.676.84
Intestate Estates from Public Administrator	4.179.91
Wells and Pumps digging Wells and making and setting Pumps	3.734.52
Police Office Fees and Sales of unclaimed property	4.804.18
Street Expences amt awarded for opening Thompson Street and proceeds of Buildings sold for opening Houston Street	2.800.86
Courts, Fines and Fees from Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Sessions and Keeper of City Prison	2,578.81
[214] Street Manure from Contracts of former years	1.851.23
Interest Account, Interest on Bond, Arrears of Taxes Assessments &c	1.116.29
Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary, for Labour of Paupers and prisoners in Pin Factory	751.50
Arrears of Taxes from Collector of Arrears of former years	522.93
Fire Department, Sale of Old Engine from Superintendant of Repairs	400.00
Commutation for Alien Passengers	320.00
Board of Health, Balance returned by the Treasurer	212.79
Lamps, sales of emty casks and lighting Private lamps	185.87
County Contingencies for Scavengers Licences	157.37
Intelligence Offices	100.00
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments, expences attending sales of property viz Advertising Certificates, Leases and Auction Fees	51.00
Castle Clinton	1.400.00

Mayoralty Fees		3,168.36
Vendue Sales, from State Treasurer		10.000.00
Annual Rents viz Ground Rent	19.920.82	
Ferry Rent	9.935.00	
Water lot Rent	8.773.90	
Common Land Rent	1.915.05	
House Rent	2,757.59	
		43.282.36
		$780.387.06

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By amount of Warrants on the Treasury during the year for payments under the following heads Viz

Roads—amount to Overseer of Public Roads	5.100.00
Taxes paid Assessors, Supervisors and for completeing Tax Books	6,836.00
Streets, Assessments for opening widening improving regulating and paving, including Sewers	181.312.36
Bonds payable, four bonds paid	50.700.00
Docks and Slips building and repairing Bulkheads and Piers and Working Mud Machine	35.112.36
Justices Courts Salaries of the Four Justices & Clerks and Room Rent	9.890.
Tavren and Excise Licences Aldermen and Assistants. Clerks Marshalls &c attending the Issuing	1.915.99
Penalties, refunded	180.
Intestate Estates, claimed by and paid to the legal representatives of sundry persons	2.538.74
Wells and Pumps, Digging Wells, and making Setting and Repairing Pumps	5.911.58
Police Office Salaries of Justices and Clerks Officers Extra services conveying Persons to City Prison &c	9.270.39
Street Expences Assessments on the Corporation for Improvements, Commissioners Fees on rejected Assessments, Repairing Sewers Streets &c: not to be Reimbursed	14.394.82
Courts, Salaries of Recorder District Attorney. Clerrk & Crier Officers attending Subpoenas &c and for refreshments to Jury	13.692.47
Street Manure paid to Contractor for the present year to 1st Novemr & Sweepers	4.500.00
[216] Interest Account, Interest on City Stock, Bonds and Balance due the State	83,967.75
Alms House Bridewell and Penitentiary, Including Salaries of. Superintendant, Keepers and Assistants Clerks Physicans &c and Building cells	81,546.67
Arrears of Taxes, paid to the State arrears for 1824	1.570.31
Fire Department, Chief Engineers Salary, Making and Repairing Engines and Hose and Ground Rent	10.927.58

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By Commutation for Alien Passengers, for furnishing List of Passengers	100.
Board of Health including Saliries of the Assistants	1.210.69
Lamps Superintendants Salary, Oil, Lighting and Repairing Lamps Making & Setting Posts	27.520.02
County Contingencies,*	11.762.67
Elections, Inspectors Clerks and Officers attending the Polls	1.263.
Charges on Arrears of Taxes and Assessments Expences attending Sales of Property	513.52
Working Convicts, Warrants to Superintendant of Alms House for that purpose	4.000.00
Coroners Fees and Expences	2,918.00
Fulton Market expences attending settlement of the Butchers Claim	25.
Stanton Street Basin building Bulk head and filling in	28.110.25
Errors and Delinquencies Taxes paid in error refunded	146.35
Battery making reef Wall filling in and Paving	1.908.09
Repairs Warrants to Superntendant	10.203.00
[217] Fever Hospital—Balance for Building furnishing &c	16.083.19
Watch	60.650.00
City Burying Ground for enclosing	3.602.05
Salaries	22,181.68
Pottersfield Filling in and Paving in front of	2.965.36
Printing & Stationary including twenty four copies of Tanners Atlas for Members & Clerk $987	4.270.99
Markets, Clerk's salaries and Sweeping. Repairing and account of New Market Catherine Slip	10.582.13
Common Schools and Charities	10.708.89
Canal Celebration—Warrants to Chairman of Committe	10.500.
Balance in the Treasury to debit 1st January 1826	29.794.50
	$780,387.06

G. N Bleecker Comptroller.

*County Contingencies

Manure for Battery & Park Cartage & labour	1,785.95
Trees for do do	488.75
Celebration 4th July	1.281.81
25th November	119.52
Coach hire	299.31
Additional appropriation to Layfayette Committe	4.080.35
Postages	3.50
Corporation Expences at City Hall cleaning Buildings &c	1.111.78
Counsel for drawing Leases and Ordinances and sundry Court Charges	511.05
Printing & Posting notices	36.50

[218] Removing Nuisances	38.47
Fuel for City Hall & Watch Houses	850.
Map and Survey of Park &c	26.
Index of Maps in Registers Office	80.
Tax of 1814 on Land at Hurl Gate	2.88
Copies of State Laws	27.88
Auction Fees on sales of Public Property	29.00
Clerks, Marshalls and Inspectors attending the issue of Hack and Cartmens Licences	103.42
Officers attending City Hall visit of the President	21.50
Water for Jail	15.00
Taking Jury list	450.00
Portrait of Revd John Stanford and frame	250.00
Expences respecting Boundary line on New Jersey	150.00
	$11.762.67

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[220] Dr Commissioners of the Sinking Fund For the Year 1825

For Balance in the Treasury at their credit as per last account dated. 31st December 1824	55.927.03
Amount of Receipts into the Treasury during the present year to their credit under the following heads Vizt	
Market Rents	26,215.53
Interest on City Stock	18.041.
Real Estate amount of sales	19.580.
Market Fees	15.866.55
Street Vaults	4.687.60
Interest on Balance in the Treasury	5.592.43
New York State Stock last 4th paid by the State	1.862.50
Hack Licences	1.770.00
Water Lot Rent	1.391.33
Commutation of Water Lot Quit Rents	1.050.10
Pawn Brokers Licences	460.00
Interest on Balance of State Stock paid off	27.49
	152.472.01

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Balance in the Treasury at their credit carried to new Actt January 1st 1826	152.472.01
[222] Total of Receipts by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund from its Commencement August 23. 1813 to Decemr 31. 1825 inclusive viz	
Interest on City Stock	109.285.83
Market Fees	103.418.99

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Market Rents	88.685.68
Sales of Real Estate	79.550.08
Street Vaults	29.756.10
Water Lot Rents	19.026.57
Hack Licences	8.788.
Pawn Brokers Licences	6.806.63
Commutation of Land Quit Rent	4.649.91
Interest on United States Stock	1.800.00
Interest on Balance in the Treasury	6.735.37
Profit on United States Stock	987.14
Interest on New York State Stock less premium on purchase	158.
Do Defence Bonds	230.18
Commutation of Water Lot Quit Rents	18.325.51
	478.203.99

[223] Invested in $192.600 City 6 per cent Stock which cost	195,281.54
81.500 " 5 do of 1820 do	80.877.31
48.200 " 5 do of 1821 do	49.573.13
And leaving in the Treasury at their credit a balance of	152.472.01
	478.203.99

New York December 31st 1825.

William Paulding Mayor
R Riker Recorder
Jn° Fleming City Treasurer
G N Bleecker Comptroller
} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund

[224] The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments Viz[t]

For a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Stanton and North Street

For a Well and Pump in Willet Street near North Street

For regulating and Paving Essex Street from Delancy to Rivington Street

For paving the Side Walks at the corner of North Moore and Greenwich Street

Which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

No	1.	P Barry	Owner	No	18 Bancker Street	A privy
	2.	do	do		22 do	do
	3.	A Divver	do		24 do	do
	4.	T Gardner	do		30 do	do
	5.	M Hooks	do		79 do	do
	6.	L White	do		121 do	do
	7.	C Landau	do		123 do	do
	8	W Mulligan	do		127 do	do
	9	M Noe	do		3 Birmingham Street	do
	10	W Mulligan	do		11 do	do
	11	M Coulter	do		5 Catherine Market	do
	12.	[225] J Davis	do		51 Catherine Street	do
	13.	do	do		53 do	do
	14.	J Donaldson	do		82 do	do
	15.	S Thorne	do		94 do	do
	16.	V Tilyou	do	No	5 Cheapside Street	do
	17.	R Doughty	do		7 do	do
	18.	A Cuscadden	do		48 do	do
	19.	J Grant	do		197 Cherry Street	do
	20	do	do		199 do	do
	21	L Drake	do		225 do	do
	22	J P Fisher	do		70 Chrystie Street	do
	23	M Carrol	do		9 Ferry Street	do
	24.	J Robinson	Occup[t]		13 James Street	do
	25	M Bruce	do		69 do	do
	26	W & G Post	owner		73 do	do
	27.	E Wadsworth	do		74 do	do
	28.	W & G Post	do		75 do	do
	29.	F Seely	do		88 do	do
	30.	J Roosevelt	do		91 do	do
	31.	M Titus	do		16 Lombardy Street	do
	32	J Messenger	do		36 do	do
	33	W Slam	do		54 do	do
	34	J F Delaplaine	do		98 do	do
	35	do	do		104 do	do
	36	do	do		106 do	do
	37	R Brown	do		134 do	do
	38	J Shiel	do		54 Market Street	do
	39	C Meztger	do		59 do	do
	40	D Brooks	do		65 do	do
	41.	M Saunders	Occup[t]		66 Murry Street	do
	42	J Rhodes	do		19 Oliver Street	do
	43	A Sheffield	do		21 do	do
	44.	S Dean	do		23 do	do
	45	[226] A Ball	do		25 do	do
	46.	E Carrol	do		41 do	do

47.	W Graham	Occupt	65	Oliver Street	A privy
48	J Clark	Owner	315	Pearl Street	
49.	B Andariese	do	317	do	do
50	J Bertine	do	361	do	do
51	D Berrian	do	365	do	do
52	M Burling	do	379	do	do
53	M Stout	Occupt	403	do	do
54	M Oakley	owner	21	Pike Street	do
55	R Cannon	Occupt	35	Roosevelt Street	do
56.	J Walsh	do	47	do	do
57.	B Underhill	do	63	do	do
58	do	do	65	do	do
59	M Brainard	Occupt	67	do	do
60.	G McKay	owner	11	Spruce Street	do
61.	M Shipley	do	27	do	do
62	S Conover	do	35	do	do
63	J Vandeheuvel	do	77	Norfolk Street	A Lot

3 January 1826 George Cumming City Inspector

Alderman Rathbone presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that the usual number of Fire Wardens be appointed for the 9th & 11th Wards

The Chief Engineer thereupon presented a Return of Fire Wardens for the said Ninth and Eleventh Wards which was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that 200 Copies of the Report of the Law Committe on the subject of Titles to Real Estate be printed

[227] Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution relating to placing Seats or Benches on the Batterry which was referred to the Committe on Lands and Places to Report thereon

Mr Valentine presented the following Resolved that the Street Committe cause cross walks to be put down in the 10th Ward at such places as the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward may designate—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward with authority

Mr Sheiffelin presented the following—Resolved that a Special Committe be appointed to designate a suitable number of proper persons to act as Commissioners of Estimate and Report the same to the Board which was adopted and the following Committe appointed Mr Shieffelin Bolton Peters Van Wyck Alderman Cox Ostrander Reed

Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution directing that no person holding an Office or Appointment under this Board should be appointed an Assessor—Which was laid on the table.

Alderman Agnew agreeably to the notice which he gave at the last Meeting moved that the Board now proceed to the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year which was agreed to

The Mayor Mr Paulding then observed that with the permission of the Board he would leave the Chair which he accordingly did and it was taken by the Recorder Mr Riker

Alderman Taylor moved that two Tellers be appointed to aid the Presiding Officer in counting the Ballots which was [228] agreed to and the President appointed Alderman Davis of the 12th Ward and Alderman Cebra of the 1st Ward as Tellers

The Board then proceeded to Ballot and upon opening and counting the same it appeared there were

For	William Paulding	Eleven Votes
	William P Van Ness	Ten Votes
	Philip Hone	One Vote
	Peter Sharp	one Vote & one blank

There not being a Majority of Votes for either of the Candidates the President declared that no choice had been made the Board then proceeded to the second Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Eleven Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Ten Votes
Mr Hone	"	Four Votes
Mr Sharp	"	One Vote

There being no choice made the Board Proceeded to a Third Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Ten Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Eight Votes
Mr Hone	"	Five Votes
Mr Sharp	"	One Vote
Mr Kent	"	One Vote

There being no choice made the Board proceeded to a Fourth Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Ten Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Nine Votes
Mr Hone	"	Four Votes
Mr Sharp	"	One Vote
Mr Kent	"	One Vote

There being no choice made the Board proceeded to a Fifth Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Ten Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Ten Votes
Mr Hone	"	Four Votes
Mr Sharp	"	One Vote

There being no choice the Board proceeded to a Sixth [229] Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Eleven Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Two Votes
Mr Hone	"	Twelve Votes

There being no choice made the Board proceeded to a Seventh Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Eleven Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	Two Votes
Mr Hone	"	Eleven Votes
Henry J Wyckoff	"	One Vote

There being still no choice the Board proceeded to the Eighth Ballot when

Mr Paulding	had	Eleven Votes
Mr Van Ness	"	One Vote and
Mr Hone	"	Thirteen Votes

Whereupon Mr Hone was declared from the chair duly Elected and on Motion of Mr Sheiffelin it was Resolved that Philip Hone be and he is hereby Chosen and appointed Mayor of the City of New York for the year ensuing and on like motion it was Resolved that a Committe wait on Mr Hone and inform him of his Election to the Office of Mayor of this City for the ensuing year—The President thereupon appointed on that Committe Mr Sheiffelin Mr Van Wyck Alderman Reed

The Mayor then resumed the Chair.

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

Balance as pr Actt 19 December	1934.48
Recd for Tax 1825 1. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 10 Wards	24100.
Streets	1632.73
Rents	1345.58
Cartmen & Porters Licences	258.37
Tavren & Excise Licences	250.
Wells & Pumps	192.34
Mayoralty Fees	81.00
	$29.794.50

[230] 94 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st Dist	971.25	
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	775.25	
Bleakley & Stagg do 3d "	750.75	
Wm S Smith		
Collector C Revenue 1 Qutr Salary 22d Decr & charges	259.50	
John Sidell 1st Marshall 1 Qutr do 1 Inst	225.00	

Jacob Hays						
High Constable	1 Qutr	Salary	1 Inst	.....		125.00
C Myers						
Keeper Pottersfield	1 Month	do	1 Inst	.....		69.75
Astin & Higbie						
Messengers	1 "	"	.....			62.00
O Ayres						
Assist City Inspector	"	"	.....			47.25
J Coffin do	"	"	.....			47.25
A McCready						
Keeper of Park	"	"	& brooms....			31.25
C Gilman						
Keeper of Battery	"	"	.....			31.00
R Jaques Street						
Inspector 1st Ward	"	"	.....			36.37
P Wright do 2d	"	"	.....			36.37
T Jeroleman do 3d	"	"	.....			36.37
N B Lyon do 4th	"	"	.....			36.37
I A Isaacs do 5th	"	"	.....			36.37
J M Thomas do 6th	"	"	.....			36.37
B Fuller do 7th	"	"	.....			36.37
S Hutchings do 8th	"	"	& Extra charge			41.00
D Hubbard do 10th	"	"	.....			36.37
Egbert Benson for services relative to the Claim of New Jersey						250.00
A. B Martling to pay Expences of Funeral Capt McDonough						211.62
Wm F Stevenson Sunday services 10th Ward 39 days.....						58.50
John Nixon do	"	"	.....			58.50
J Hays & Officers Attending City Hall 25 Novr 1825.....						28.00
T Cornell T Parker & C Crane Sunday service 6th Ward..						18.00
Strong & Ballagh Sample wine 4th July 1825.....						3.50
L Baum Clerk Washington Market	1 Mo	1 Inst.....				74.17
J *Bremen*						
[Bremner] do Catherine	"	"	"	.....		62.00
[231] J Gilbert do 3 Markets		"	"	.....		50.00
G Duryea do Fulton	"	"	"	.....		41.67
R Smith do Franklin	"	"	"	.....		38.75
I Astin Sweeper Fulton	"	"	"	.....		38.59
J Pinckney Asst Board of Health		"	"	.....		47.25
B Hicks do do		"	"	.....		47.25
Mercantile Advertiser Adverts for Board of Health in full						35.62
Commercial do	do	"				23.75
American do	do	"				19.50
Statesman do	do	"				19.00
New York Gazette do	do	"				17.87
Evening Post do	do	"				17.25
Daily Advertiser do	do	"				17.00
G Snether[n] *lighting* Lighting Lamps	1 Mo	1 Inst.....				855.48

voost Repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst	130.20
then Superintendant Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst	137.50
tis Superdt Alms House & Officers 1 Qr 1 Inst	625.00
Voodruff Keeper Penitentiary & Assists 1 Qr 1 Inst	693.06
s. Clerk Alms House Additional Salary 1 Feb 1820 to 1st	591.67
Bailey for services at Alms House during Epeidemic	50.00
N Smith " " " "	250.00
aac Wood " " " "	250.00
l Higbie for an Horse purchased for Mud Scow	75.00
l Ebbets taking Census 1st Ward	164.44
r W Peckwell " 2d	148.87
am King " 3d	162.01
t Seaman " 4th	183.56
Strong " 5th	239.99
Williams " 6th	298.21
s Oakley " 7th	212.88
es Holt " 8th	374.27
John McKesson " 9th	173.34
W Bell do 10th	380.39
Frost do 11th	109.48
L Varien do 12th	162.78
son Cox Chief Engineer Salary 7th Decemr 1824 to 31 cemr 1825	532.88
l D Smith Stationary 1 year to 31 Demr 1825	114.06
y Advertiser Subscription 8 Mo to 1 Novr 1825	66.66
nercial Advertiser do 6 Mo to 10 Septr "	50.00
nal Advocate do 6 Mo to 15 Decr "	50.00
rk National Advocate do 6 Mo to 16 Decr "	50.00
nercial Advertiser Advertisg Arrears of Taxes	141.00
Renwick Balance Surveys for reg Streets Between rth & 34th Streets	2660.75
rt Ferguson Actt reg: Houston Street from Broadway Bowery	2000.00
Tucker Actt drain Broad Street	1500.00
nith Acct repav Pike between Division & Water Streets	1000.00
nith Act reg & pav West Street from Murray to Duane	300.00
Trout Principal & Interest Canal St sewer refunded	14.23
nercial Advertiser Adverts to redeem sale Assessnt & any Argus	24.62
rgay repairing Intersections & heads of Slips 2d Ward	829.19
rgay repairing Intersections 3d Ward	373.80
cker repairing Culvert to sewer Maiden Lane	185.50
y Voohis repairing Intersections 8th Ward	2.40
llagher Senr bal Well Bancker near Pike Street	70.12
d Dunn 1s payt Well Mercer near Amity	68.25
ettigrew 1 payt Well at Minetto Street	55.
raves Strtt Comr Actt Trees Park & Battery	200.00
raves Str Comr for repairs Roads	1000.00

Abm Leggett work Mud scow 12 days to 1s Inst.....	126.66	
[233] J Fleming Treasur 3 Orders of Court to pay Witnesses	72.00	
Thos Veber for refreshments to Jury.....	42.00	
Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs for repairs.....	422.00	
Jacob P Roome " " for Fire department.....	400.00	
Jacob P Roome " " for Lamp Department...	300.00	23.824.25
Balance		$5.970.25

[234] In Common Council January 16. 1826

Present—The Honorable William Paulding Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junior	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Daniel E Dunscomb	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pitman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President then informed the Board that Mr Hone the Mayor elect was in attendance and proposed taking the Oath of Office in presence of the Common Council—It was then moved and agreed to that a Committe be appointed to wait upon Mr Hone and introduce him into the Common Council Chamber—The Committe were appointed by the President consisting of Mr Schieffelin Mr Van Wyck and Alderman Cebra The Committe withdrew and in a few minutes returned with Mr Hone. The members rose on his entrance and Mr Schieffelin of the Committe introduced him to the President as the [235] Mayor elect—Mr Paulding then administered to Mr Hone the Oath of Office prescribed by the Charter and the Constitution of the State of New York and handed him to the Presidents chair Mr Paulding then addressed the Mayor as follows

I am pleased Mr Mayor with the opportunity afforded me, of inducting into office a Citizen in whom there can with safety be reposed a just confidence; and I sincerely hope that your elevation

to this distinguished trust, will conduce alike to your own, and the public gratification.

Mr President and Gentlemen of the Common Council, I bid you a respectful farewell—and may your labours be such as to promote the prosperity, and happiness of this community. After which Mr Paulding withdrew. The newly installed Mayor after a few minutes then rose and made the following address to the Common Council

Gentlemen In assuming the Office of Chief Magistrate of my Native City—I would be doing injustice to my feelings were I to omit the offering of my grateful acknowledgements for the distinguished Honor which you have conferred upon me, and I am persuaded you will consider the most suitable expression of my thanks to consist in the cheerful acceptance of the Office with a determination to devote my best abilities to the execution of its duties, My experience as a member of the Board has made me acquainted with the arduous and important nature of the services which you Gentlemen have undertaken to perform. The same experience has also taught me how much depends upon the punctual and faithful discharge of your duties as members of the several Standing Committes. The Municipal concerns of our City have increased to so great an extent as to render it impossible for the Board to bestow upon the various subjects requiring its Consideration all the attention which they may merit—and we must rely upon the Standing Committes for that careful scrutiny by which alone we may escape the errors of hasty Legislation. It is to be hoped that the addition to the Board of the representatives of Two new Wards, while it serves in some measure to diminish by dividing your labours will furnish us with much additional valuable information respecting the local wants of the increasing population of the upper part of the City and will tend to promote a good understanding between the several sections here represented—There can be no Doubt Gentlemen [236] that you will pursue your labours in a spirit of devotion to the public Good and with that mutual harmony without which your best directed efforts would loose much of their efficacy—Finding myself surrounded on this interesting occasion by many of my old associates, and among the New Members of the Board by many of my personal friends; I trust an apology will not be thought necessary for making these suggestions.

I owe it to my respected Predecessor to acknowledge the valuable information which I have received from him since my Election and the urbanity and Kindness with which it has been communicated

I shall rely with entire Confidence upon your zealous co-operaition

and support, but I fear I shall have frequent occasions to claim your liberal indulgence for the errors and omissions of inexperience in the discharge of the important duties which have devolved upon me.

he then took the Chair and the following business was transacted.

Mr Sheiffelin presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the Common Council is desirous of retaining a grateful and lasting remembrance of the Official fidelity, ability and integrity of the Honorable William Paulding Esquire late Mayor, Resolved, as a testimonial of the same, that the Committe on Arts and Sciences communicate to him a request that he may permit a portrait of himself to be taken by an eminent Artist under the direction of the said Committe, and that the same when finished, be placed in the Picture Gallery of the City Hall

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the management of the Fulton Ferry by the Lessees thereof and suggesting certain regulations to be adopted respecting the conducting of the Ferry— referred to the Ferry Committe.

A memorial from a number of owners and occupants of Lots at the Foot of Murray Warren and Chamber streets praying that a pier may be built at the foot of Warren Street on the plan of and parallel to that at [237] the foot of Murray street—which was read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Remonstrance from S Regnard against the Petition of Anson Blake and others for widening Sloat lane & Garden Street—Also remonstrances against the same from Nathan Richards and others—from the Trustees of the Merchants Exchange Company—from Henry J Wyckoff and others and from Suydam Jackson & Peck and others were presented and referred to the Street Committe—And the Committe consisting of the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward to whom was at the last meeting referred the said Petition of Anson Blake and others were discharged from the further consideration thereof and it was referred to the Street Committe

A Memorial from the Association of Artists in the City of New York requesting the assent of the Corporation to an occasional Occupation of the Room of the Philosophical Society, the said Society having given their permission for the same was read and referred to the Committe on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of John Woffendale praying that the Book stall at the corner of Broadway & Courtlandt Street may be removed was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of Elbert Herring Executor of Elizabeth De Peyster praying that an award in favour of said Testatrix of $3500 for damages for land taken on opening and extending Mercer Street may be set off against an Assessment of benefit upon Testatrix for said improvement of $3029—which being read was referred to the Finance Committe

[238] A Petition of Charles Buck that a small strip of land in Chatham Street in front of his Lot may be released to him in order that his House may front on the Street was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of John Bartine to be appointed an Inspector of Weights and Measures was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Edward J McGloin was presented stating—that Darby Conway and his wife lately departed this life leaving two Children James & Elizabeth who were now in the Alms House—that Petitioner is the nighest relation to the children and is willing and desirous to take care of them and therefore prays that the Commissioners of the Alms House may be instructed to deliver the said children to Petitioner Whereupon the same was referred to the Committe of the Alms House with directions to report a statement of the facts to the Board.

A Petition of the "New York Dry Dock Company" was presented stating that fully to accomplish the object of their Charter it will be necessary for Petitioners to shut the lower end of 10th Street and to use Avenue D from 10th to 11th Street in the neighbourhood of the location of the Works—and they ask for permission accordingly which having been read was referred to the Street Committe.

A Petition was also presented from the owners of Real Estate in the vicinity of the Dry Dock Company requesting that the prayer of the aforesaid petition be granted which was also referred to the Street Committe

[239] A Petition of Le Roy Bayard & Co & Gardner G & S Howland for permission to occupy during the Winter season a part of Rutgers Slip with two large ships lately built for the South American service—The same having been read it was referred to the Committe on Whaves Piers & Slips with general powers to afford such accommodation as they should judge advisable.

A Petition from Foster Williams for Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A similar Petition from Simon Maybie was referred to the same Committe

A Petition from Benjamin Hilton for renewal of Lease of Lot N° 1 and the half lots in depth N° 9 & 10 in Chatham Street leased to Joseph Griswold Petitioners father in law under whose Will he holds said Leases—The same being read was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of Ebenezer Briggs for Office of City Measurer was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Gottlieb Appleback that the House and Lot N° 25 William Street may be leased to him was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Charles Street near Assylum Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward And the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise in the Papers employed by the Board the intended improvement.

[240] A Petition of George Rogers was received stating that in consequence of closing that part of Greenwich lane leading to the Street he is deprived of a Front on his property and therefore prays that the Gore fronting on Sixth Street may be sold to him was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Francis Colegrove for Office of Inspector of Fire Wood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A similar Petition from William Riker was referred to the Same Committe

A Petition of William Mook stating that Stall N° 4 Essex Market lately held in the name of his brother James Mook was purchased by Petitioner but the licence was taken in the name of said brother and praying the same may be now granted to his Nephew Wm Ryer—which being read was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of George Philips a Minister of the Gospel praying to be relieved from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Petition of Benjamin Watson for Office of Register of Dogs was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of John Evans for Stall N° 35 Fulton Market was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of Abm P Maybie & Wm Kelly in behalf of themselves and others Creditors of John Vanderlyn was received stating that they had claims against [241] John Van Derlyn to the amount of $4115^{49}/_{100}$ for materials furnished and for work and labour bestowed upon the building called the Rotunda built on ground in Chamber Street leased by the Corporation to said John Vanderlyn—that the

aid John Vanderlyn being Insolvent in or about the month of Decem-er 1819 assigned all his estate to James Smith Esquire for the benefit f all his the said Vanderlyns Creditors—that the said James Smith n the 23d of June last sold the Lease of the said Rotunda at auction nd Petitioners Maybie & Kelly purchased the same for the benefit f themselves and the other Creditors And petitioners pray that the ease of the said building may be renewed to them in Trust for the reditors of said Vanderlyn or that the Corporation would pay them or said building such sum as they should deem just and equitable—he same having been read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of the owners of property in Beach Varick and Chapple treets praying that a House fronting on Chapple Street and bounded n each side by Beach Street being public property may be removed as referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of owners of Property in vicinity of Duane Slip pray-ng that as the Duane Slip Basin is to be filled in the Petitioners will e deprived of a front on their property—they therefore request that Street may be opened through that Block from Jay to Duane Street hich was referred to the Street Committe and the Street Commis-ioner was directed to advertise the intended Improvement.

A Petition from sundry Owners of property in the vicinity of Duane Slip stating that as said Slip is to be filled in that it will be equisite to extend the Pier at the foot of [242] Duane Street and lso the middle Pier of the Basin further into the River—which they ray may be done—The same having been read was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition from M Shrewsbury for relief from a Penalty incurred by selling Liquor at the house he had lately removed to without hav-ing taken a licence therefor was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of William Austin for Stall in Greenwich Market was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of Whitfield Case for Office of Inspector of Fire Wood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of the Members of the Lyceum of Natural History for an extension of their Lease in the Institution and also for a Lease of the Rooms formerly occupied by Mr John Griscom but which is now vacant was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition from Bridget Smyth was presented stating that about hree years since Petitioner left this City for New Orleans to meet er husband—that she left in this City her two Children William and Elizabeth under the care of John Corkran with whom she left money

for their support—that shortly after her departure Corkran in violation of his duty put the said children in the Alms House that her husband having died Petitioner returned to this City and made application to the Commissioners of the Alms House for information respecting her said Children but the [243] said Commissioners and Mr Burtis in particular have uniformly refused to give Petitioner any information respecting her Children—to her great grief and distress—and Petitioner respectfully solicits the interference of the Board in her behalf—Whereup[on] the same was referred to a Special Committee of—Alderman Rathbone Taylor Ostrander Lamb Mr Van Wyck Valentine Bolton

A Petition of Henry Sickles to be appointed a Lamp lighter was referred to the Lamp Committe

A Petition of Barnes Underhill for Office of Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Thompson Price stating that he had built several Public Cisterns under the direction of the Common Council and praying One thousand dollars may be advanced to him until the Assessments therefor can be collected was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Thomas Hazard Junr was received stating that he has a Manufacture of Spermaciti Candles at Peck Slip that it is necessary in said Manufacture that the dead matter and Oil should be exposed to the air and he requests permission to be permitted to place the casks opposite his Store on the Slip—so as not to incommode passengers or Carriages the said having been read it was ordered to be laid on the table

A Petition of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company to be permitted to run a Steam Boat on said Ferry instead of [244] Horse boats and to run from the foot of Rivington Street instead of Grand Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committe.

A Petition from Alexr L Stewart Catherine Cox P W Livingston for himself and wife G. W Livingston Executor of Maggy Beekman decd and Maria L Stewart Guardian &c by R Strong her attorney praying that the amount awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening Green Street from Amity lane or Bleecker Street to 4th Street may be paid to George B Smith to be by him distributed among the parties interested therein was referred to the Finance Committe with powers

A Petition from Joseph Williams and James McManus for relief from Tax Assessed on them they belonging to the Corps of Artillery

in the City of New York was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Robert Halliday and others for a Well and Pump corner of Hudson & Bank street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the *19th* [9th] Ward—And the Street Commissioner was directed to Advertise for objections thereto.

A Petition from Morris Randal for permission to sink a Dock or Pier opposite his grounds at Harlaem River at or near the foot of 121st Street was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of George P Rogers and others owners of ground in the vicinity of 13th Street and Greenwich Lane praying 13th Street may be opened to the North River [245] and that the great Kill Road & Greenwich lane between the 8th Avenue and 13th Street may be closed was read and laid on the Table

A Communication from Cornelius Bergen on the subject of a Plan for cleaning the Streets was referred to the Street Committe.

A Letter was received from Charles Rhind stating that Capt Joy one of the Committe from Buffaloe at the late Canal Celebration had presented to him a Canoe made by the Natives of the shore of Lake Superior and brought from Buffaloe with the Senaca Chief the boat which first navigated the Canal from Erie to the Atlantic—That being desirous that it should be preserved by the Municipal Authority as a Memorial of that great Event he begged leave to present it to the Common Council Whereupon it was resolved that the present of Mr Rhind be accepted.

A Petition of Thomas R Smith late Lessee of District No 4 of Public Wharves & Slips requesting compensation for Loss of Wharfage on Pier No 1 East river the same not belonging to the Public as was understood it did at his taking his Lease—As also for Injury sustained by the conduct of John R Loper appointed by the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward to superintend said District the same having been read was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of the Manhattan Company alledging a mistake was made in the Report of the Counsel and Street Commissioner on the 1st May 1820 as to the amount to be returned on a purchase by David Seaman of a Lot sold for Assessments on opening 28th Street & Avenues 8. 9 & 10 and [246] [praying] the same may be corrected and the amount due thereon to be paid to them as they alledge $727 $^{24}/_{100}$ instead of $343 $^{38}/_{100}$ as reported—which being read was referred to the Finance Committe.

A former Petition presented on 15 March 1825 and referred to the Police Committe was again presented it praying the Board would apply to the Legislature for a Reorganization of the Marine Court was now referred to the Committe on Laws.

A Petition from John H J Browere was presented stating that from the course of studies which he has pursued in the Arts of Painting & Sculpture he considers himself qualified to execute a Statute of George Washington which will not be discreditable to himself or to the Fine Arts in this Country—Having lost his property by fire a few years since he is under the necessity of asking some pecuniary aid to enable him to execute the Statute the same having been read was referred to the Committe on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of John R Livingston praying that a grant may be made to him of the land lying under water opposite to his ground between Rivington & Stanton Streets and between Goerick Street and the permane[n]t line on the East River formerly used for a Public Slip or Basin but which place Petitioner understands is abandoned—The same having been read was refferred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Thomas & James Beatty praying that the Lot of ground and premises at the Northerly corner of Chatham Street and Tyron Row may be [247] Leased to them was referred to the Finance Committe.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary for payment of the Annual Donation reported in favor as follows,

The Finance Committe to whom were referred the application of the Trustees of the City Dispensary respectfully report—That they have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the annexed resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his Warrant for Five hundred dollars in favour of the Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary—All which is respectfully submitted New York 16 Jan 1826

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
John Agnew
Signed Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on Assessments on the Petition of John Hunter for relief from a Personal Tax reported in favor as follows

The Committe on Assessments to whom was referred the Peti-

tion of John Hunter of Pelham in Westchester County praying to be relieved from the payment of a personal Tax imposed on him by the assessors of the Eighth Ward—Report that they have examined into the facts and find that Mr Hunter was at the time of the Assessment a resident of West Chester County and not of New York and that he is regularly Assessed and pays personal taxes in that County—The Committe are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted [248] and therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved, that John Hunter of the Town of Pelham in the County of Westchester be relieved from a personal tax imposed on him by the Assessors of the Eighth Ward.

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
January 11th Samel Gilford Junr
Signed Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on Lands and Places on the Petitions and Remonstrances respecting the Flag staff at the Battery reported against Petitions and in favor of the Remonstrance as follows

The Committe on Lands and Places to whom the several Petitions of Mr Demilt and Mr Ladd in relation to the hiring or leasing the Building on the Battery called the Flag Staff—And also the Remonstrance of William Bayard Jonothan Ogden Benjamin Woolsey Rogers and others living in that neighbourhood against leasing or hiring out the same were referred Respectfully Report

That after mature reflection the Committe are satisfied that the views of the Gentlemen who have signed the above mentioned respectful remonstrance, are correct and that this board ought not to permit said Building to be occupied on individual account and for private purposes—But that the same ought to be taken down, and the materials removed to the Public yard—They beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that said Building be taken down under the direction of the Committe [249] on Lands and Places

Thomas Bolton
P. C Van Wyck
Gideon Ostrander
Signed John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committe on Applications for Offices on the Petitions of Allen Smith and Aaron Barnes for Office of City Weighers present a Report which being read was laid for consideration.

The Committe on the Fire Department presented the followi Report on the subject of Sale of Fire Engines N° 14. 30 & 39 Reporte as follows

The Committe on the Fire Department respectfully Report th they have examined Engines N°s 14 30 & 39—and in their opinion would be [to] the interest of the Public that they be sold as they hav been in use a number of years and are much worn, And as person frequently apply to the Superintendant of Repairs to purchase, and h not being authorized to dispose of any, without direction from th Board, They would respectfully suggest that the Committe hav power to dispose of the above named Engines and Supply new one in their places—Your Committe submit for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Committe on the Fire Department be directed to Sell Engines N°s 14. 30 & 39 and supply new ones in their places

John Agnew
Campbell P White
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[250] Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committe on Lands & Places.

Resolved that all that certain peice of ground now known as "Potters field" be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Military to be known by the name of the "Military Parade Ground."

The Comptroller presented a Balance Sheet of the Accounts of Receipts and Expenditures for the last year which was referred to the Finance Committe to cause the same to be printed.

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the Accounts of Abm B Martling Keeper of the City Hall for Fuel purchased from 11th August 1824 to 31st December 1825 and find that he has received $1550 and expended $1523 7%00 Leaving a Balance of $26 21/100 which will be carried to a new account Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on

ne following Assessments—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to sue to Morris De Camp to Collect the same

For a Well & Pump in Attorney near Broome Street

For a Well & Pump in Attorney near Grand Street

For Repaving Pike Street

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed.

For Regulating Elizabeth Street from Prince Street [251] to Beecker Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Mercer Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

For a Well and Pump in White Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

To repaving Chamber Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

For Paving Bancker Street from Pike to Oliver Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Minetto Street

And also an Assessment for Two Public Cisterns at S[t] Thomas Church. Which were referred to a Special Committe consisting of M[r] Van Wyck Alderman Agnew Alderman White M[r] Bolton M[r] Schieffelin

The Street Commissioner also presented an Ordinance for regulating & paving Exchange Street which was laid for consideration

He also presented an Ordinance for Cross walks in the 10[th] Ward which was laid for Consideration

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

N[o]	1	D[o] Mehan	Occup[t]	N[o]	13	Augustus Street	A Privy
	2.	S[l] Cooper	do		23	Bancker Street	do
	3.	J Hodson	do		25	do	do
	4	J Phillips	do		35	do	do
	5	J Brindley	do		41	Chatham Street	do
	6	J Mills	do		43	do	do
	7.	J Mors & T T Woodruff	Owners		85	do	do
	8	[252] A Connel	Occup[t]		87	do	do
	9	J Dartnell	do		95	do	do
	10.	A J Rogers	do		97	do	do
	11.	G. W Smith	do		143	do	do
	12.	Lockwood & Beach	do		145	do	do
	13	J[o] Harley	do		155	do	do

14.	D Thompson	Occupt	No	56	Cherry Street	A Privy
15	J Kearns	do		58	do	do
16.	M Bucannon	Owner		60	do	do
17.	T Phillips	Occupt		70	do	do
18.	R Lewis	do		72	do	do
19.	E Turner	do		105	do	do
20	E *Tillus* [Tullis]	do	No	8	Chesnut Street	do
21	W L Stone	do		58	Courtlandt Street	do
22	E Potter	do		60	do	do
23	P Kemp	do	No	1	Duane Street	do
24	H King	do		5	do	do
25	G Apffelback	do	No	11	Frankfort Street	do
26	Weyman & Morris	Agents		16	do	do
27	J Waterman	Occupt	No	162	Greenwich Street	do
28	S Hobbs	do	No	10	Oak Street	do
29.	R Fullington	do		15	do	do
30.	W P Turnure	do		23	do	do
31.	C Huntington	do		28	do	do
32.	P. Galvin	do		30	do	do
33	J Nash	do		32	do	do
34.	W Walsh	do		34	do	do
35	J Hopkins	do		35	do	do
36.	B Crystal	do	No	64	Orange Street	do
37.	N Hauxhurst	do	No	396	Pearl Street	do
38.	E Lyon	do		398	Pearl Street	do
39	H Dougherty	do	No	6	Rose Street	do
40	C Pope	do		8	do	do
41	[253] A McKelpen	do	No	14	do	do
42	D Callaghan	do	No	11	Vandewater Street	do
43	J Weis	do	No	195	William Street	do
44	S Stillwell	do		196	do	do
45	G S Bogert	do		203	do	do
46	B Luffborrow	do		221	do	do
47.	Cs C Cogswell	do		227	do	do
48.	J Mowatt	do		225	do	do
49.	R Clark	do		229	do	do
50	M Nicholls	do		256	do	do
51	K Wood	do		263	do	do
52.	G Fulmer	do		265	do	do
53.	W Agnew	Owner			Amity Street	A Lot
54.	W Paulding Jr	do			do	do
55	do	do			McDougall Street	do
56	Hy Remsen	do			Wooster Street	do
57	Hyers & Co	do	No	125	Mott Street	do
58	C Gwyer	do			Spring Street	do

George Cumming
City Inspector

January 16. 1826

He also presented the Anual Report of Deaths and Interments & two hundred Copies were directed to be printed

By this Report it appeared

There had been Interred from 1st January to 31st Decemr 1825

Men	1721
Women	1180
Boys	1156
Girls	951
Total	5008 of Diseases, 843 died of Consumption being threefold more than any other Disease

[254] The following persons were recommended by the Chief Engineer as Fire Wardens & were appointed.

Fire Wardens 9th Ward

Samuel Gunton William Lake James Green Freeman Cole The appointment of Henry Hutchinson & Peter WanMaker also recommended was postponed.

Fire Wardens of the 11th Ward

Peter Powell Thomas Blair George Dominick Alexander Anthony James Israel Jacob Schureman

The following were Appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Hook and Ladder Co

No 1

James Ferris Cooper Water Street to fill the Company

James Van Antwerp Merchant Pearl Street

Vc Benjamin Hempstead—Expelled for neglect of duty

Fire Engine Co

No 2

Lewis R Fisher—Grocer—Eldridge & Pump Street

Vc Samuel Johnson Resigned

No 10

Peter Brown—Black Smith 132 Arundel Street—

Vc Jotham Force—Resigned

Thomas Lawrence Cartman 188 Elm Street

Vc William S Tice—Resigned

Joseph Applebie—H Carpenter 188 Elm Street

Vc Quimby Kipp—Resigned

Thomas Hawk Mason 259 Mott Street

Vc Samuel Seacor—Time Expired

[255] Robert Godfrey—Black Smith 180 Rivington Street
Vᶜ Frederick Horton Resigned
Richard Colless—Carpenter 263 Mott Street
Vᶜ John M Lester—Time Expired

Nº 16

Richard Concklin—Grocer Cor William & Liberty Stᵗ
Vᵈ Thomas Bloomer Joined another Cº
Silas Coleman Clerk 91 Broad Street
Vᶜ George Lanckenau Resigned
William P Johnson Carpenter 106 Water Street
Vᶜ William H Brown Resigned
John W Adams—Carpenter 106 Water Street
Vᶜ Thomas R Holden Resigned

Nº 19.

John Tisen House Carpenter 38 Delancy Street—
To fill the Company

Nº 21

John Bradshaw—Blacksmith 2 Liberty Street
Vᶜ John L Earle Resigned

Nº 22

John Davis—Shipwright Pell Street
Vᶜ Zoath Dexter—Exempt in consequence of an injury received at a Fire.
William Trumper Shipwright Lombardy Street
Vᶜ John Valentine—Resigned

Nº 30

William B Delamater Ship Carpenter 84 Essex Street
Vᶜ Daniel McEvers—Resigned

Nº 33

Daniel *McClean* [McLean] Painter Walnut near Cherry Stᵗ
Vᶜ Obadiah Newcomb—Time expired

Nº 39

William Johnson Jeweller 219 Spring Street
Vᶜ Jnº Morange Resigned
John Foster—Brass Founder North Moore Street
Vᶜ A J Battin—Resigned

[256] The Resignation of John Adams of the Third Ward as Commissioner of the School Money and of Oliver H Hicks of the First Ward were presented and accepted. And Alderman Dunscomb presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the thanks of this Corporation be rendered through its Clerk to John Adams & Oliver H Hicks Esqr[s] for their faithful performance as Commissioners of the School Fund—And the Alderman & Assistant of those Wards were requested to report suitable persons to supply the vacancies at the next meeting of the Board

M[r] Valentine presented a Resolution respecting appointing an Additional Assistant Street Commissioner and prescribing certain duties to be performed by the Street Commissioner and his Assistants which was referred to the Special Committe appointed this meeting of which M[r] Van Wyck is Chairman.

M[r] Sheiffelin presented the following

Resolved that a Special Committe be appointed to investigate the conduct of Azel Concklin in relation to the facts upon which his Conviction in the Court of Sessions was founded and of any other Complaints (if any) against the propriety of his conduct as Captain of the City Watch or against any other Officer of the City Watch. And that said Conklin be suspended until the Report comes in which being read was referred to M[r] Schieffelin Alderman Cox M[r] Van Wyck M[r] Arcularius Alderman Taylor

M[r] Van Wyck presented the following which was [257] adopted—Resolved that the Law Committe be instructed to enquire and report from time to time the manner in which the Laws are administered by such Officers as are appointed by and under the controul of the Common Council.

Alderman Dunscomb presented the following

Resolved that no Alderman nor Assistant Alderman receive either directly or indirectly under this Board, any office of emolument or profit under the same—which was read and laid on the table.

Alderman Lamb presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committe "on Applications to the Legislature" be instructed to enquire into the expediency of an application to the Legislature during their present Session for a revival of the act entitled "an Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of City of New York" Passed April 3[d] 1824 with such alterations and modifications as may be deemed necessary and proper

M[r] Van Wyck presented a Resolution giving notice to owners &c when Streets or Avenues are to be opened and improved which was referred to M[r] [Van] Wyck Alderman Agnew M[r] Bolton Alderman White M[r] Schieffelin

He also presented a Resolution for an enquiry and report as to

Fees and Charges on Lots advertised for Sale on Assessments wl was referred to the Same Committe.

He also presented Resolutions respecting giving [258] notic Application to Supreme Court for appointment of Commissioner Assessment which was referred to the same Committe.

He also presented a Resolution respecting an enquiry into the pences of the Alms House and if any improvement can be made i Management—Which was referred to the same Committe.

He also presented a Resolution directing the Counsel & Attor of the Board giving notice to the Law Committe of the taxatio their bills of Costs which was referred to the same Committe.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as pr Act 3d Inst	59
Recd for Taxes 1825	70
Rents	22
Streets	17
Arrears of Taxes	10
Justices Courts	8
Mayoralty Fees	3
Wells & Pumps	1
Fines &c of Attorney	
	$19,1

50 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	775.25
Bleakly & Stagg do 3d "	750.75
William Paulding Mayor Salary 26 Octr 16 January	675.
R Graves Street Comr 1 Qur Salary—1st January	400.
Horatio Mott 49 days Sunday service 8th Ward 2d Jan	73.50
[259] Wm Rhodes 42 days Sunday service 7th Ward to 2d Inst	63.00
Frederick Seely 44 " 4th "	66.00
James G Finn 36 " 4th "	54.00
P Ammerman Clerk 3 Markets 1 Month 1st Inst	49.50
P Flandin Gloves for funeral Capt McDonough	21.50
Wm Paulding attending Board of Supervisors 1825	6.00
R Riker Recorder do	4.00
H Wyckoff Alderman do & Courts 6 Mo to 1st Inst	94.00
E W King " do do "	34.00
Wm H Ireland " do " "	40.00
S Cowdrey " do " "	262.00
J Webb " do " "	82.00
M Reed " do " "	56.00
A Mann " do " "	54.00
J B Taylor " do " "	88.00
W A Davis " do " "	56.00
G Ostrander " do " "	220.00

Recorder 1 Qutr Salary 1 Inst	375.00	
n Jr Expences to Philadelphia for Wm J Waldron.	34.81	
mith refreshments for Jury	15.00	
ntwerp Jr do	13.00	
g Treasurer 2 Orders of Court to pay Witnesses..	30.00	
an Coroner Fees &c 1 Novr 1825 to 3d Inst	358.87	
nn & Sons repairing Lamps 7th October to 31st 825	347.91	
n subscription 10 Month 1st Inst	83.33	
rk National Advocate Adverts& Arrears of Tax...	130.00	
terich selling 46 Lots for arrears Tax 28 Decr 1825	92.00	
Acct reg & pav Attorney St from Broome to Stan-reets	250.00	
cCabe Act reg & pav Houston Street from Broad-Thompson Street	250.00	
Acct reg & pav Pike Str b Division & Water	800.00	
W Bridges Surveys &c: 1 Qurtr 1 Inst	464.06	
ghty do " "	445.75	
en do " "	385.50	
Ludlum do " "	370.42	
B Smith do " "	235.61	
Ludlum do " "	121.36	
rms Acct building Corporation part of bulkhead n Catherine & Market Slips	1500.00	
me Supert Repairs for Repairs	1123.00	
me do for Fire Department	550.00	
me do for Pump Department	425.00	
me do for Markets	400.00	
me do for Lamp Department	200.00	
s Supert Alms House for Alms House	2400.00	
s do for Fever Hospital balance cmr 1825	2784.60	19.080.97
	balance	$85.00

[261] In Common Council January 30th 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samel Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Daniel E Dunscomb	Wm S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Samuel Carman for leave to assign Lease of Lot No 4 in Main street Town of Brooklyn Long Island to John T Bergen & Peter Conover was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of Hannah Fowler for renewal of Lease No 128 William Street was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of James L Bleecker for relief from a Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying the [*261] establishment of a Watch House in the vicinity of Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Watch Committe.

Petitions of Henry T Wheeler, Lewis Whitney, Jarvis Sands & Benjm Church—for office of Measurer were read and laid on the table —they were afterward called up and Benjamin Church was appointed.

A Petition from Nicholas Fish and sundry owners of lots in Broadway and the vicinity from Amity to 13th Street praying that 8th Street be regulated and paved from Broadway to the Bowery and also that 13th Street be opened regulated and paved from the Bowery to the North River was referred to the Street Committe.

A Remonstrance against the Petition for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Assylum Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of owners of property in the vicinity praying to have Slote lane and Garden Street opened from Exchange Street to Pearl Street making Sloat Lane 30 feet wide and calling it Hanover Street was read and referred to the Street Committe.

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

A Petition in favor of extending Exchange Street and making it 0 feet wide was referred to the Street Committe.

A Petition of James Greig for Office of Measurer of Charcoal was eferred to the Committe on Applications for Office

A Petition of Isaac B. Torboss for Office of [262] Inspector of irewood was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of the Trustees of the second Associate Reformed hurch in the City of New York praying that the payment of the um of $1101^{3}\frac{1}{100}$ assessed on them for opening Wooster Street from rt to Fourth Street may be delayed until the sum awarded to them n Opening of said Street amounting to $1510, become due and payble was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of the Dealers in Charcoal praying for the appointnent of an additional Inspector of Charcoal was referred to Committe n Applications for Office

A Petition of John Field for lease of a small peice of ground in he rear of his house N° 8. Chamber Street was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of Robert Mitchell for Office of City Weigher was presented and laid on the table—It was afterward called up and read

A Petition of John Phillips for Stall N° 37 Catherine Market occupied by Benj^m^ M Taylor was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of George De Grass for Lease of Cellar under Franklin Market was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of Francis M Strong for Office of Register of Dogs was referred to the Police Committe

[263] A Petition of Christian Buhler for relief from penalty incurred by purchasing and selling, second hand clothes without a Licence was referred to the Police Committe.

A Petition of John Fisher for Stall N° 7 in Essex Market was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition that Lombardy Street be paved between Clinton and Grand Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Bancker Street praying that the name be changed to R[ose] Street was referred to the Street Committe

A Memorial of E R Furman was received requesting for the easons therein stated a relinquishment of a part of the sum due from he Estate of her late father Richard Furman decd upon a contract elative to the Manufacturing of Pins which having been read was

referred to the Finance Committe with the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of Samuel Ackerly in behalf of the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb praying a Donation of Land or Money for the purpose of enabling the Institution to erect Buildings wherein the Pupils may be taught Trades &c to make them more useful members of Society—The same having been read was referred to the Committee on Charity

A Petition of Christian Brown to be employed to furnish Stationary for the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committe

[264] A Petition of Mary Murry was presented praying that the property of John Brown Dec^{d} in the hands of the Public Administrator may be paid over to her in virtue of a [Nuncapative] Will made by said John Brown which being read was referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition was received from a number of Inhabitants residing at Peck Slip stating that a Boat has been lying at the head of said Slip for five months past on board of which is exibited a Show called the Canal Museum that there are a variety of Musical Instruments playing on board said Boat to the great disturbance and annoyance of the Neighbourhood and praying the same may be removed—Which having been read was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers & Slips with authority.

A Petition of Jonothan Rathbone joint Lessee of the Establishment called Castle Garden with Antoine Malapar praying to be permitted to assign his interest in said Lease to said Antoine Malapar was read and referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of Moritz Furst to sell to him Lot N° 120 or 121 Chatham Street whereon to erect a Shop in which to carry on his business as an Engraver on Steel for office dies and Medallions was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of the Dutchess and Orange Steam Boat Company to have a place assigned to them for their Tow Boats at the foot of Broad Street or Exchange Slip And a Petition from the owners of property in vicinity of Exchange Slip recommending the granting of the prayer [265] of the Petition were read and referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Harmanus H Barkaloo for leave to assign Leases of Lots N° 13. 16 & 18 on Water Street in Brooklyn to Townsend Cock and Joel Concklin was referred to the Finance Committe

A Letter was received from James Dobbins requesting a reconsideration of the Resolution passed for opening Henry Street which was

ead and laid on the Table It was afterward called up and referred o the Street Committe

A Remonstrance from a number of owners of property against pening Henry Street was presented and laid on the table—It was ıfterwards called up and referred to the Street Committe.

A Petition of Henry Pratt Lessee of 7th and 8th Districts of Public Docks & Slips praying for reasons in said Petition stated for a reduction of the rent reserved on his Lease was read and referred to the Finance Committe

A Petition of Francis Spicer for a Stall in Duane Market was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition from James R Manley for permission to remove the remains of his deceased Brother and Child and Inter them in the Family Vault in the grave yard of the North Dutch Church in the City was read and referred to the Committe on Laws

A Petition of James Renwick for relief [266] from Personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Petition from Mary McCurdy for relief from Personal Tax was referred to the Committe on Assessments.

A Petition of Abm Lawrence a City Weigher on the subject of the duties of the Ballast Master was referred to the Law Committe.

A Petition of Thomas Warren for relief from Personal Tax—was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Representation was received from the Justices of the 4th & 6th Ward Courts stating that the Lease of their Court Room expires on the 1st day of May next—was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 4th & 6th Wards.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants complaining of obstructions in the Bowery Road by Hay Waggons and other vehicles was referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 4th 6th & 10th Wards

A Communication was received from Lewis Charrier proposing to furnish for a moderate compensation in the Park and on the Battery —Chairs upon which the visitors to those places may sit and repose themselves—Which being read was referred to the Committe on Lands & Places

His Honor the Mayor as President of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbor presented a Statement of the Funds and Anual Income of that Institution which was directed to be filed—The statement was as follows

[267] Statement of the Funds and Annual Income of the Sailors Snug Harbour 1st January 1826.

Rents		Principal		Revenue
Of Houses & Lots				4.601.
Stock				
U S 6 per Cts	19.397.18		1163.83	
N York State 6 pr cts	4.000.00		240.	
do City do	3.000.00		180.	
U S 3 pr cents	723.42	27.120.60	21.69	1.605.52
Bank Stocks				
Manhattan 246 Shares @ $50—6½ pr an	12.300.		799.	
Mechanics 87 Shares @ $25—7 pr an do	1.950.		136.	
City 42 Shares @ $50—5½ pr an do	2.100.	16.350.00	115.	1.050.
Insurance Stock				
Mutual 125 Shares $50. 8 pr Ct pr an	6.250.		500.	
Eagle 33 Shares @ $100—9 pr ct do	3.300.	9.550.00	297.	797.
Bonds & Mortgages at 7 pr cent		14.600.00		1.022.00
Real Estate				
Houses cast as per Valuation		16.302.71		
Balance in hands of Treasurer				
Cash	$7038.28			
J Williams Note	250.	7.288.28		
		$91.211.59		$9.075.52

E E New York January 1st 1826 Wm Whitlock Treasurer.

He also presented an account of the Common School money received and distributed by the Commissioner of the City and County of New York for the year 1825 which was directed to be filed.

[268] He also presented a Notice served upon him of an application to the Supreme Court in the case of Alexander C Wiley for payment to him of certain monies awarded for extending Houston street in the 8th Ward and North Street in the 10th Ward which was referred to the Counsel.

He also presented a Letter he had received from E W King Esqr Member from this City in the House of Assembly on the subject of the reports of Banks and Insurance Companies in not returning the names and residence of the Stockholders to the Comptroller of the State which being read was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of James O'Brien for allowance for services as a Barber in the Lunatic Assylum at Bellvieu was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Report was received from the Rev[d] John Stanford of his Ministerial services during the past year at the Gaol—Bridewell—Bellvieu Establishment &c which was referred to the Committe on Public Offices with authority to print the same.

The Communication of Cornelius Bergen on the subject of cleaning the Streets which at the last meeting was referred to the Committe on Streets was called up. The Street Committe discharged from the consideration thereof and it was referred to the Committe on Arts and Sciences

The Attorney presented the following.

The Attorney respectfully reports that Judson Sturges of the Sloop Manilla. Nicholas Bicker of the Brig [269] Conveyance were severally written to for not reporting their passengers—that they have since severally made report and paid the costs—The remission of the penalties in the above cases is therefore respectfully recommended

January 30[th] 1826. T Phœnix

Whereupon the penalties were remitted agreeably to his recommendation

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller reported in part

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Comptrollers annual Report beg leave in part respectfully to Report.

That the sum of $350.000 Dollars will be requisite to be raised by a tax in this City for the payment of the Current expences of the year. That an application to the Legislature for this purpose is necessary and ought to be made in the usual form without delay. That your Committe have accordingly had prepared by the Counsel of the Board the enclosed Draft of a Memorial and Law on the subject and they submit for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution—Resolved that the Counsel cause the said Memorial and Law to be engrossed and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legislature all which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Ma[th] Reed
Signed Tho[s] Bolton

Whereupon the memorial and law were directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the board and transmitted to the Legislature.

[270] The Finance Committe on the Petition of Thompson Price for an advance of money on account of Public Cisterns built by him reported in favor as follows.

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Thompson Price beg leave most respectfully to Report.

That the Petitioner has built for the Corporation Two Public Cisterns one in the Bowery and the other in Elizabeth Street the cost of which is about $1216^{6}/_{100}$ dollars upon account of which he prays an advance of $1000, which your Committe think it just and reasonable to grant and therefore submit the following resolution to the Board—Resolved that the Comptroller issue his warrant for $1000, in favour of Thompson Price on account of the Public Cisterns built by him all which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Signed Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Petition of the heirs of James Carpenter (decd) presented a Report unfavorable to the Petitioners as follows

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Carpenter and others beg leave respectfully to Report.

That the Petitioners claim an undivided 32d part of certain property now partly included in the Park corner of Chamber street and part lying Easterly thereof between Cross and Chatham Streets—That the Counsel of the Board has examined the papers on which [271] they found their claim, and it appears that the petitioners are entirely mistaken in supposing that they have any claim to the property in question—and that the Corporation are the only rightful and legal owners of the same; Your Committe therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Signed Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Finance Committe on the Petition of Elbert Herring, Executor of E Depeyster dec[d] requesting suspension of collection of Assessments for opening Wooster Street reported favorably as follows

The Finance Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Elbert Herring beg leave most respectfully to report

That the Petitioner is the acting executor of E Depeyster deceased which estate has been assessed in the sum of $5311 $\frac{5}{100}$ for opening and extending Wooster street and said petitioner is awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment $6597 and he prays that the collection of said assessment be suspended until the payment of the award by the Commissioners to your petitioner: which prayer your Committe think may be complied with without injury to the public service; and therefore submit the following resolution

[272] Resolved that the Collector of the Assessment suspend the Collection of the same from E Herring Ex[r] until the payment of the award made to him.

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
M[th] Reed
Signed Tho[s] Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committe on the Report of the Comptroller presented the following report in relation to the Portion of the City Debt redeemable on the 31[st] December 1826.

The Committe of Finance to whom was referred the Comptrollers annual report. beg leave in part respectfully to report

That the sum of $900.000 Dollars of the public debt is redeemable after the 31[st] December 1826 of this sum about $200.000 Dollars belongs to the sinking fund leaving $700.000 Dollars to be provided for—That the debt thus redeemable bears an interest of 6 per cent—That it may so happen during the year that the avails of the sinking fund and of the sales of public property will be insufficient to pay off the redeemable debt. That in such case it will be expedient to make a Loan bearing a lower rate of interest than 6 per cent and to pay off the said amount. But that this cannot be done without an application to the Legislature and your Committe have accordingly had prepared by the Counsel of the Board the enclosed draft of a Memorial and Law on the subject and they offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

[273] Resolved that the Counsel cause the said Memorial and Law to be engrossed and that the same be authenticated in the usual form during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legislature.

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Signed Thos Bolton

Whereupon the Memorial and Bill were approved directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board and transmitted to the Legislature.

The Finance Committee presented the following directing $500 to be paid in the hands of the Chairman of the Finance Committe which was adopted.

The Committee of Finance beg leave respectfully to Report

That in order to meet the current expences of the Wards it is expedient to place certain funds in the hands of the Chairman of the Committe of Finance and they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his Warrant for $500. in favor of the Chairman of the Committe of Finance

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Signed Thos Bolton

[274] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred a Resolution on the subject of affording aid to the Firemen at times of Fire presented the following Report

The Fire Department Committee to whom was referred the following resolution vizt

" Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department in conjunction with the Chief engineer to mature a[nd] report to this Board some more energetic and efficient plan to protect the Firemen when on duty at Fires from the encroachments of the surrounding populace "

Respectfully report that they have had the same in consideration and that no more efficient plan presents itself to their view than the

one pointed out in the Ordinances of this Board for preventing and extinguishing Fires &c. provided the duties of the Fire wardens Constables and Marshals of the City therein pointed out were strictly performed at Fires—They therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to address a Circular to each of the Foreman of the Several Companies of Fire Wardens calling their attention to that Section of the Law pointing out their Duty at Fires and that each of them would enforce the same on the members of their Companies And that the Penalties which may hereafter be incurred by the Constables and Marshals of the City for not attending Fires be enforced. The above with the regular attention of the members of this Board at Fires will in the opinion of your Committe answer the desired object

John Agnew
Samel Gilford Junr
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[275] The Market Committe on the Petition of William Moore for Stall No 49 Washington Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the Petition of Philip L Luff for permission to transfer his Stand No 49 Washington Market to William Moore who has served a regular time at the Butchering business respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and submit the following resolutions.

First—Resolved that Philip L Luff have permission to transfer his Stand No 49 Washington Market to William Moore

Second—Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to William Moore for Stand No 49 Washington Market

Mth Reed
D E Dunscomb
Abm M Valentine
New York January 1826. John Yates Cebra
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committe on the Petition of John Brewer for Stall No 10 Grand Street Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed petition of Henry Giles for permission to transfer his stand No 10 Grand

[273] Resolved that the Counsel cause the said Memori[a]l to be engrossed and that the same be authenticated in the [Mayor] during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legisla[ture]

All which is respectfully submitte[d]

Campbell P W[hite]
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
M[th] Reed
Signed Tho[s] Bolton

Whereupon the Memorial and Bill were approved directed t[o] authenticated during the recess of the Board and transmitt[ed] Legislature.

The Finance Committee presented the following directing be paid in the hands of the Chairman of the Finance Commit[tee] was adopted.

The Committee of Finance beg leave respectfully to Repo[rt]

That in order to meet the current expences of the Wa[rd] expedient to place certain funds in the hands of the Chairma[n] Committe of Finance and they submit the following Resolutio[n]

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his Warrant for $500. [in favor] of the Chairman of the Committe of Finance

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P Whit[e]
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
M[th] Reed
Signed Tho[s] Bolton

[274] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom [was] referred a Resolution on the subject of affording aid to the F[ire] at times of Fire presented the following Report

The Fire Department Committee to whom was referred the f[ol]ing resolution viz[t]

" Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire D[e]ment in conjunction with the Chief engineer to mature a[nd] : to this Board some more energetic and efficient plan to prote[ct] Firemen when on duty at Fires from the encroachments of the rounding populace "

Respectfully report that they have had the same in consider[ation] and that no more efficient plan presents itself to their view than

Street Market to John Brewer who has served a regular time at the Butchering business respectfully Report

that in the opinion of your Committe the prayer ought to be granted—And submit the following Resolutions

[276] First. Resolved that Henry Giles have permission to transfer his stand N° 10 Grand Street Market to John Brewer

Second. Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to John Brewer for Stand N° 10 Grand Street Market

M^th^ Reed
D E Dunscomb
Ab^m^ M Valentine
John Hitchcock
Signed John Yates Cebra

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Robert P Denike for Stall N° 5 Greenwich Market reported in his favor as follows.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Caleb Angevine for permission to transfer his Stand N° 5 Greenwich Market to Robert P Denike who has served a regular time at the Butcherring bussiness respectfully report

That in the opinion of your Committe the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and submit the following Resolutions

First—Resolved that Caleb Angevine have permission to transfer his Stand N° 5 Greenwich Market to Robert P Denike

Second—Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Robert P Denike for Stand N° 5 Greenwich Market

M^th^ Reed
D E Dunscomb
Ab^m^ M Valentine
John Yates Cebra
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[277] The Market Committee on the Petition of Samuel Martine for Stall N° 12 Washington Market reported against the same as follows

The Market Committe to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Samuel Martine for a Butchers Licence to sell Meat in the Washington Market respectfully Report

That your Committe are satisfied that Samuel Martine has not

served a regular time at the bussiness your Committe therefore think he ought not to be licenced and submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

M^th^ Reed
D E Dunscomb
Ab^m^ M Valentine
30 January 1826 John Hitchcock
Signed John Yates Cebra

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committe on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred a resolution to request of the Honorable William Paulding late Mayor to favor the Common Council with sitting for his Portrait to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits in the City Hall presented the following report which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Committe of Arts and Sciences beg leave to Report

That agreeable to a resolution of the Common Council, requesting the Honorable William Paulding late Mayor of this City to sit for his portrait to be placed in the Governors Room of the City Hall, they waited upon him [278] and Communicated the desire of the Corporation to which he replied; that he entertained a high respect for the Members of the Board both individually and Collectively, and requesting your Committee to communicate the same with an assurance that the Compliment conferred upon him by so respectable a Body was accepted and highly appreciated

D E Dunscomb
Henry Arcularius
Signed John Lozier

The Committe on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred a Resolution on the subject of a Reorganization of the Common Council presented a Report with a Memorial to the Legislature and a Law to revive the Law passed on the 3^d^ April 1824 on that subject—Which after some discussion was laid for further Consideration.

The Committe on Applications for Office to whom was referred sundry Petitions for Office of City Weigher presented the following Report which was accepted

The Committe on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Aaron Barnes Allan Smith & Lewis A Berte to be appointed City Weighers

Report that they have made particular enquiry respecting the

Characters and qualifications of the above petitioners and believe them to be men well qualified to discharge the duties of the said Office.

They therefore recommend that the Common Council proceed to elect from the above named applicants to fill the vacancies of William Istick removed from the City & Louis Loutrel resigned

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

[279] Whereupon the Board proceeded to ballot when Robert Mitchell and Allen Smith were duly chosen and it was Resolved that Robert Mitchell and Allan Smith be and they are hereby appointed City Weighers

The Committe on applications for Office to whom were referred sundry Petitions for Office of Measurer of Grain presented the following Report which was accepted.

The Committee on applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Ebenezer Briggs, Barnes Underhill, William Depew, John Alexander Simon Mabee & Foster Williams to be appointed Measurers of Grain

Report that they have made particular enquiry respecting the Character and qualifications of the above petitioners and believe them to be men well qualified to discharge the duties of said Office

They therefore recommend that the Common Council proceed to elect from the above named applicants to fill the vacancies of Allen Doughty deceased and [Abel] Smith deceased

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

N York January 26. 1826.

The petition of James Sands presented this evening was read

Whereupon the Board proceeded to ballot when it appeared that Ebenezer Briggs and Benjamin Church had the majority of votes and were duly chosen, Whereupon it was Resolved that Ebenezer Briggs and Benjamin Church be and they are hereby appointed Measurers of Grain in and for the City of New York

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred the Petition of Edward J McGloin [280] presented the following report which was approved and directed to be published in the papers employed by the Board

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom was referred the Petition of Edward J McGloin praying to have certain children of

Darby Conway deceased delivered to him, and who are now in charge of the Superintendant respectfully Report

That they have examined the case fully and find the following to be the facts relating thereto.

The Children James & Elizabeth Conway were received in the Alms House on the 19th September last being brought there from a Cellar in Anthony Street as stated in the petition the former 6 the latter 3 years old both in a miserable and filthy condition—The boy is now in the House and in good health; comfortably clothed & enjoying the benefit of the school belonging to the establishment, The girl was when received, found to be in such a situation rendered it necessary to put her out with a nurse, where she is now doing well

It is not known when the mother died, but the father was admitted into the Hospital of the House on the 28th day of September where he died the 15th of the following Month

Some short time after the death of Conway a person called on the Superintendant & demanded the children—He considering it his duty, on all such occasions to enquire, as to where they were going & to whose charge they were to be committed, ascertained from the answers of the applicant, that it would be a very improper place for them, and in the end probably prove their ruin, he therefore refused to deliver them—And with regard to kindred, on which the petitioner particularly rests his claim, they are found to be no nearer than second or third cousins to his wife—In addition to the above the Commissioners beg leave to state that one of them together [281] with their visitor, has, within a few days, called at the residence of the petitioner, in order to ascertain the present condition of the family to which it is proposed to commit these children. They found it to be one of those miserable dram shops, with which our City is crowded, and which entail upon us by far the greatest part of the vice & poverty with which it abounds —in the front room selling whiskey without a Licence (as appears by the accompanying certificate) and in the back room playing at cards: and in the abscence of the master a boy about 10 or 11 years of age (said to be a brother of the children in question) in rags and dirt acting as his deputy—It requires but little consideration to decide that such a place would be a very dangerous & probably a distructive situation for the little orphans, nor can there be much risk in predicting the ruin of the brother should he be permitted to remain where he now is for any length of time—McGloin stated that he had consulted with the late Assistant of the 6th Ward, who had promised to bring his case

before the Board; but from some cause unknown, it had been delayed to the present time.

From a full investigation the Commissioners are decidedly of opinion that the course pursued by the Superintendant has been not only justifiable but highly commendable, and that they should on no account be taken from under his care.

In conclusion they would respectfully observe that the superintendant is charged with a great responsibility; that he has many and arduous duties to perform; not only as relating to the poor of the Alms House and the Sick and Insane of the Hospitals, but also the economy so necessary in managing to advantage those large establishments; that his whole time and attention are steadily and faithfully devoted to those objects that he is [282] remarkable for his kindness to the poor, for his tenderness to the sick; and for his unremitting endeavours to promote the comfort of all: in a word, that since the establishment of an Alms House in this City, there has not been his superior

John Targee
Peter Stagg
Th R Smith
January 28. 1826 J. J. Westervelt

On examination it appears that Edward J McGloin 126 Anthony in the 6th Ward has no tavern Licence

Mayors Office 25 January 1826 J Sidell F M

The Report of the Street Committe on the Resolution referred to them to take a portion of ground to open 13th Street which was laid for consideration was now called up The Petition of George P Rogers and others for improveing and regulating 13th Street which was presented at last meeting and laid for consideration was also called up and read—The Report of the Street Committe was in the words following

The Street Committe to whom was referred the annexed preamble and Resolution offered to the Board on the 26th December ult for the opening of 13th Street through a portion of Ground lying between Greenwich Lane and the Old Kill road Report, that they have duly considered the subject and are of the opinion that it is indespensibly necessary that 13th Street should be opened and continued as contemplated, as that street has been opened from Broadway to Greenwich lane, and from the Kill road to the North River since the year 1816 and as it has now become necessary to Regulate that Street

in such way as to carry off the water to the River, and which cannot be done until it shall have been opened through the grounds before mentioned

Your Committe would further report that it is also desirable that the 8th Avenue should be opened and continued from its present junction with Greenwich lane and the Kill Road to 13th Street as shewn on the map herewith presented, and also that a portion of Greenwich lane and the Kill road be closed as being no longer necessary for public use after 13th Street and the 8th Avenue shall have been opened—Accordingly your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that thirteenth Street be opened from Greenwich lane to the Old Kill road—Resolved that the Eighth Avenue be opened and continued to the northerly line of Thirteenth Street—Resolved that so much of Greenwich Lane as lies between 13th Street and the 8th Avenue and also so much of the Old Kill road as lies between the 8th Avenue and 13th street be closed—Resolved that the Co[u]nsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the foregoing resolutions carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed Wm P Rathbone

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

[283] The following were appointed Firemen and the following Resignations were Accepted upon the Report of the Chief Engineer

Fire Engine Company

No 5

Bernard Colman Accountant 45 Nassau Street
Vc Jas H. Delamater. Exempt in consequence of injuries recd at a Fire.

No 7

John Jarvis—Jeweller 41 Ferry Street Vc Isaac Gulick Resigned

No 15

Benjamin L Guion Confectioner 74 Division Street
Vc Charles Colgate—Resigned

No 16

Leonard L Johnson—Carpenter 56 Market Street
Vc John Bradshaw Resigned

No 18

Charles Vail—Baker 299 Pearl Street
Vc Oliver T Hewlett—Time expired

No 24

Thomas McDonal[d]—Cabinet Maker 58 Broad Street
Vc Jesse West—Resigned
Clark Sowle Cabinet Maker 335 Water Street
Vc George C Hegeman—Resigned

No 27

George W Gaffit—Stone Cutter 61 Laight Street
Vc Daniel Duryea—Resigned

No 30.

Thomas S Barnes Carpenter 142 Essex Street
Vc William Peffers—Resigned
Samuel D Barnes Smith 142 Essex Street
Vc Jacob Westerfield—Resigned
Joshua Rich—Smith 142 Essex Street Vc John F Vogell Resigned
[284] Peter Brown—Smith 132 Arundle Stt
Vc George Loft—Resigned
Daniel Nash—Smith. Arundel n Rivington
Vc William Butler—Time expired
Robert Godfrey—Smith Rivington near Willett
Vc Andrew Smock Time expired

No 44

Stephen W Bailey—House Carpenter Lewis C Fifth
Vc Sillick Nichols—Resigned
Resignations from the following Fire Companies

Fire Engine Co No 6.

Stephen Demyer

No 16.

William H Holton—Peter Ammerman Jr Walter N Degraw James J N Valentine

No 24

William B Shipman John Boss Charles Feeney

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of delinquents on the Assessment for paving side walks at the corner of North Moore and Greenwich Street—Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Water Street from Catherine Slip to Market Slip setting the Curb and flagging the side walks of the North side thereof which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following Report of the account of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs which was directed to be filed.

[285] The Committe of Repairs and the Comptroller, respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs from 12 July to 31 December 1825

Balance due Corporation 12 July 1825	118.73
Amount of Warrants to Superintendant	21.335.
Sundry Articles sold	352.32
	21.806.05
He has paid agreeably to Vouchers examined by the Committe of Repairs	21.641.66
Balance due the Corporation	$164.39

Jameson Cox
Lemuel Pittman
January 30. 1826 G N Bleecker Compt[r]

The Comptroller presented a list of Public Property which may be leased rented or sold the present Season—Which was referred to the Finance Committe with the exception of the cellars under the different Markets which was referred to the Market Committe.

The Counsel presented the following with the Deed of Cession from Pell and others mentioned therein

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports, that he has examined the Deed of Cession (which is endorsed) of certain parts of 5[th] Street and of M[c]Dougal Street, The same is executed by Alfred S Pell & Wife, Tho[s] R Mercein & wife and Gulian Ludlow & wife and Tho[s] W Ludlow. The counsel is of opinion that the said Cession ought to be accepted and the Deed recorded

Respectfully submitted
Jan 28. 1826 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Deed was Accepted and directed to be Recorded.

[286] The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel herewith presents for execution the following certificates of property sold for Non payment of Assessment by the Street Commissioner on the 21st day of January A D 1826 at twelve OClock at noon

1. All that Lot in the 5th Ward on the South side of Canal street between Hudson and Watts Street, assessed as belonging to Alfred S Pell sold to Benjamin Harker for one year from 21st January 1828 for $88.14/100

2. All that Lot in the 5th Ward on the South side of Canal street between Hudson and Watts street assessed as belonging to Alfred S Pell sold to Benjamin Harker for one year from 21st January 1828 for $82 57/100

3. All that Lot in the 5th Ward on the South side of Canal street between Hudson and Watts street assessed as belonging to Alfred S Pell sold to Benjamin Harker for one year from the 21st January 1828 for $69.87/100

4. All that certain Lot in the 9th Ward on the North side of Amity Street at the Corner of Wooster Street assessed as belonging to William Cleary sold to John Sloan for one year from the 21st January 1828 for $63 87/100

5. All that certain lot in the 9th Ward on the East side of Green street between Bleecker and Amity streets assessed as belonging to unknown owners sold to George G Burrows for 10 years from 21st January 1828 for $97 69/100

Also a lease to Robert Bogardus of all that certain peice of land being seventy one feet and two inches in breadth in front on Canal street in the 5th Ward on the Southerly side of Canal street between Watts and Greenwich Street which was sold to him on the 20th June 1823 for Seventy years for $333, and which not having been redeemed the purchaser is entitled to a Lease therefor

The Instruments were made out by [287] direction of the Street Commissioner

Respectfully submitted

Jan 25. 1826. M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Certificates were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented the following

The Counsel herewith respectfully presents for execution the following certificates of property sold on the 28th day of December last, by the Collector of arrears of taxes for non payment of taxes viz^{t}

1. To David Whiting for No 21 Chapel Street for one year from the 28th December 1827 for $28 $^{5}/_{100}$

2. To William J Cantelo for No 5 Warren Street, for one year, from 28th December 1827 for $30 $^{9}/_{100}$

3. To Merrit H Smith, for lot and house in Bancker street on the Easterly side thereof assessed as belonging to James McMullen for 2 years from 28th December 1827 for $24 $^{4}/_{100}$

4. To Jacob Seguine for 140 Orange Street, for one year, from 28th December 1827 for $22 $^{9}/_{100}$

5. To Jacob Seguine, for 112 Anthony Street, for one year, from 28th December for $22.$^{7}/_{100}$

6. To Abner Weyman for 250 Bowery for one year from 28th December 1827 for $23.$^{95}/_{100}$

7. To William Burtsell of the Lot on the West side of Mott Street between Broome & Spring Street assessed as belonging to William Lawrence for six years from 28th December 1827 for $18 $^{61}/_{100}$

8. To Jacob Seg[u]ine of the lot on the West side of Mott Street between Prince and Bleecker streets, assessed as belonging to Joseph George for 5 years from 28th December 1827 for $17.$^{8}/_{100}$

9. To Horatio Tucker, of the house and lot on the East [288] side of Mercer Street between Houston Street and Bleecker Street, assessed as belonging to William Brow[n], for one year from 28th December 1827 for $21,

10. To Jacob Seguine for the 4 lots on the West side of Wooster Street between Fourth and Amity Streets assessed as belonging to J. S. Boyd sold for 7 years from 28th Decemr 1827 for $19 $^{35}/_{100}$

11. To R J Brush of the house and lot on the East side of Laurens Street between Houston & Bleecker Streets assessed as belonging to William Fanning for one year from the 28th December 1827 for $20 $^{12}/_{100}$.

12. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the West side of Sullivan between Houston and Prince Street assessed as belonging to F Garretson for 7 years from 28th December 1827 for $17 $^{85}/_{100}$

13. To George S Watkins of the half lot on the West side of McDougal street between Houston & King Streets assessed as belonging to T Garretson for 10 years from 28th Decemr 1827 for $17.$^{8}/_{100}$

14. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the North side of Canal Street between Laurens & Wooster street assessed as belonging to J. M Foshay for 10 years from 28th Decemr 1827 for $20 $^{12}/_{100}$

15. To John Williams of the house and Lot on the North side of Charlton street between Hudson & Varick Streets assessed as belonging to Samuel Martine for one year from 28th Decemr 1827 for $23 9/100

16. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the South side of Hammersly Street between Hudson and Varick streets assessed as belonging to Abraham Carpenter for 4 years from 28th December 1827 for $17.85/100

17. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the South side of Downing street between Bedford & Herring streets assessed as belonging to the heirs of D Dunham for 7 years from 28th Decem. 1827 for $17.8/100

18. [289] To Jacob Seguine of the lot on the Southerly side of Arden Street near the Cemetry assessed as belonging to the heirs of W Morton for 7 years from 28th December 1827 for $17.8/100

19. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the North side of Arden Street near the Cemetry assessed as belonging to the heirs of W Morton for nine years from 28th December 1827 for $17.8/100

20. To Jacob Seguine for the Lot on Charles Street assessed as belonging to J Phyfe for 10 years from 28th December 1827 for $17.80/100

21. To Horatio Tucker, of the Store and four Lots on Hammond Street assessed as belonging to C H Hammond for 1 year from 28th Decemr 1827 for $33 21/100

22. To Jacob Seguine of the house and one and a half lots on the Bowery Roard assessed as belonging to the Sailors snug Harbour, for one year from 28th Decemr 1827 for $21 88/100

23. To Jacob Seguine of the house and 2 lots on the Bowery Road assessed as belonging to Mrs Morgan for 1 year from 28th December 1827 for $24 60/100

24. To Lawrence Powers, of the half acre of Land at Kipps Bay assessed as belonging to Samuel Martine for 7 years from 28th December 1827 for $16 70/100

25. To David Whiting of the house and 4½ acres of land on Harlaem Road assessed as belonging to Effy Waldron for 8 years from 28 Decemr 1827 for $18.60/100

26. To William Burtsell of the 9½ Acres of Land on Harlaem Lane assessed as belonging to Gerard Depeyster for 2 years from 28th December 1827 for $20.50/100

27. To Alexander M Muir of the House and 2 lots at Manhattanville assessed as belonging to the estate of W Cutting for 1 year from 28th December 1827 for $18.60/100.

28. [290] To Charles Smith of the house and 1½ acres of land at Bloomingdale assessed as belonging to Moses Field for 1 year from 28th December 1827 for $31.85/100

29. To John D Brown of the ten acres of land on the Middle Road assessed as belonging to James Winslow for 3 years from 28th December 1827 for $17.13/100

30. To R J Bush of the two lots on Broadway assessed as belonging to James Lent for 2 years from 28th December 1827 for $15.75/100

31. To Jacob Seguine of the 2 lots on Broadway assessed as belonging to Israel Purdy for 4 years from 28th December 1827 for $15.75/100

32. To William Mulock of the half lot on Hammond Street assessed as belonging to Abraham Martling for nine years from 28th December 1827 for $15 75/100

33. To Jacob Seguine of the 6 lots on William Street assessed as belonging to Abraham Hammond for 3 years from 28th December 1827 for $19 8/100

34. To Jacob Seguine of the 2 acres of land on Barn Island assessed as belonging to Mr Lewis for 10 years from 28 Decemr 1827 for $15.75/100

35. To Horatio Tucker, of the house and Lot on the west side of Allen between Hester & Grand Streets, assessed as belonging to Lemuel Furrow for 1 year from 28th Decemr 1827 for $22 72/100

36. To James Munroe of the Lot on the East side of Essex street between Delancy & Broome Streets assessed as belonging to Thomas Cooper, for 5 years from 28 Decemr 1827 for $17.11/100

37. To Jacob Seguine, of the lot on the East side of Essex street between Delancy & Broome Streets assessed as belonging to Martin Hoffman for 6 years from the 28th December 1827 for $17.11/100

38. To David Whiting, of the House and Lot on the East side of Norfolk Street, between Delancy and Broome Streets assessed [*290] as belonging to James Warner for 1 year from the 28th December 1827. for $17.91/100

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

39. To Jacob Seguine of the Lot on the East side of Ridge street near Grand Street assessed as belonging to Mr Taylor for 4 years from 28th Decemr 1827 for $19 5/100

Respectfully submitted

New York January 18th 1826 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented a Resolution directing an Application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment on the subject of opening Henry Street which was read and together with the Remonstrances of James Dobbins and of Certain owners of property against the proposed improvement was referred to the Street Committe

The Counsel presented the following Resolutions

I Resolved That it is desirable for the public convenience to open Thirty Second Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York from the Tenth Avenue to the North or Hudsons River, the same being a street laid out by the Commissioners of streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled " An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes " passed April 3d 1807 and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises

II. Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to authenticate the Petition to the Supreme Court for the [291] appointment of the said Commissioners during the recess of the Board.

Whereupon the same was adopted.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

No	1. J [T] Bloodgood	owner	No	1	Batavia Street	A privy
	2. J L Mason	Do		5	do	do
	3. N & H Weed	Do	No	83	Cedar Street	do
	4. Mr Palmer	Do	No	7	Chesnut Street	do
	5. Mr Taylor	Do		13	Do	do
	6. Rd P Lawrence	Do		15	do	do
	7. Dd Baker	Do		27	do	do
	8. S Greenin	Occupt	No	40	Chrystie Street	do
	9. N & H Weed	owner	No	132	Greenwich Street	do
	10 Mrs Evertson	Do			Liberty c Nassau	do

11. T Thomas	Occup^t	N^o	31	Nassau Street	A privy
12. R^t Fuller	Do		33	do	do
13. M White	owner		63	do	do
14. J Cregier	D^o		68	do	do
15. P^r Aymar	D^o		80	do	do
16 do	D^o		82	do	do
17. A Florentine	D^o		84	do	do
18. A Woodbury	Occup^t		73	Pump Street	do
19. P Pinckham	D^o		290	Water Street	do
20. B Robson	Owner		300	do	do
21. do	Do		302	do	do
22. C Agnew	D^o		308	do	do
23 D^o	D^o		310	do	do
24 S Lyon	Occup^t		314	do	do
25 B Pell	Owner		318	do	do
26. [292] P Rielly	D^o		328	do	do
27. W Milligan	Occup^t		336	do	do
28. F Legand	owner		360	do	do
29. G B Abeel	Do		362	do	do
30. D^o	D^o		364	do	do
31. S Skillin	D^o		366	do	do
32. J G Coster	D^o		384	do	do
33. do	do		386	do	do
34. W^m J [T] Pinckney	do			McDougall Street	A Lot
35. H A Vedder	do			Cannon Street	A Lot
36 M Gerard	do	No	57	New Street	do

George Cumming
City Inspector

30th January 1826

M^r Valentine presented a Resolution that all Public Cisterns put down and for payment of which the money is not collected and all that shall hereafter be put down shall become a public charge and be paid for out of the City Treasury—Which was referred to the Special Committe of which M^r Van Wyck is Chairman.

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution for supplying to each of the newly elected Members of the Board Tanners Atlas which was negatived.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution for regulating and Paving Mercer Street from Amity to Art Street which was referred to the Street Committe

A Resolution proposed by the Finance Committe that the Comptroller under their direction be authorized to borrow any sum not exceeding $50,000 at an interest not exceeding six p^r cent p^r annum was adopted.

[293] Alderman Reed presented a Resolution to extend the Fire limits to South and West of Grand street including 100 feet North

and West of said street from the East river to Varick street thence to Canal street—Which was referred to the Committe on Applications to the Legislature.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Watch Committe be instructed to investigate and report to this Board at a future meeting the condition of the Watch of this City—Their numbers—and the number assigned to each district—together with all important facts connected with the Watch Department and relative to its present organization—stating their opinion as to improvement of the system—and particularly noticing the propriety of creating an additional district and increasing the watch, and in the event of their recommending such improvements to locate the districts, and report any eligible situation for a new watch House

Which was Adopted.

Mr Engs presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of Repairs to repair with the consent of Capt Lawrence's family the Monument erected over his grave in the Trinity Church yard—Which was referred with powers to the Committe on Lands and Places

Mr Valentine presented a Resolution directing the former Members of the Board who are at present Members to dispose of Tanners America[n] Atlas and pay over the proceeds of such sale into the City Treasury—Which was laid on the Table.

[294] Mr Arcularius presented a Resolution directing Hack Carriages at night to have lighted lamps with glass fronts and sides with the Number of the Carriage painted on them—Which was referred to the Police Committe

He also presented a Resolution to enquire into the expediency of a Law to provide that Aliens carrying on business in this City do pay a certain sum as an equivalent for Militia and Jury duty from which they are now exempt. Which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare the draft of a Memorial and Law to have the Office of the Register of the City made a Salary Office and the fees to be collected and paid into the City Treasury which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution for an Application to the Legislature for a Law providing for an appeal by Habeus Corpus from the conviction of the Special Justices in this City in cases under the Act for apprehending and punishing disorderly persons and for repeal of the 4th Section of the Act relative to the Alms House and

Bridewell &c. Which was read and referred to the Committe on Applications to the Legislature

Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to advertise the time and place of making Application to the Supreme Court for appointment of Commissioners of Assessment in all cases and, with the names of the Commissioners proposed [295] Which was referred to the Special Committee of which Mr Van Wyck is Chairman

Alderman Dunscomb presented a Resolution instructing the Lamp Committe to place lamps in such locations in the Eighth ward as they may deem necessary Which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Mr Valentine presented a Resolution for an Application to the Legislature for an Amendment to the Constitution so that the Mayor be elected by the People—Which was referred to the Committe on Applications to the Legislature

The Comptroller presented the following Report.

Balance as per Actt 16st Inst	85.00
Recd for tax of 1825	3900.00
Streets	2763.81
Arrears of Tax	1769.00
Wells & Pumps	400.
Tavern & Cartmens Licences	.390.25
Rents	149.09
Mayoralty fees	52.00
	$9509.15

The following Actts were audited & ordered to be paid

Capt Blauvelt—Watch	1st	District		971.25
Hibbard & Clark	2d			775.25
Bleakly & Stagg	3			750.75
J Morton Clerk C C 1 Qutr Salary 1 Feb				500.00
Geo: B Smith Asst Street Comr 1 Qutr 1 Feb				337.50
C Myers Keeper Pottersfield			1 Mo 1 Feb	69.75
O Ayres Asst City Inspector			" "	45.50
J Coffin	do		" "	45.50
[296] Astin & Higbie Messengers			" "	62.00
C Gilman Keeper Battery			" "	31.00
A McCready " Park			" "	31.00
R Jaques Street Inspector		1st Ward	" "	38.75
P Wright	do	2d	" "	38.75
T Jeroleman	do	3d	17 days in January	21.25
N B Lyon	do	4th	1 Mo 1 Feb	38.75
I. A Isaacs	do	5th	" "	38.75
J M Thomas	do	6th	" "	38.75
B Fuller	do	7th	" "	38.75
S Hutchings	do	8th	12 days in January	15.00
D Hubbard	do	10	1 Mo 1 Feb	38.75
J Woodruff	do	11th	30 days in January	37.50

J Ritchie preparing Amunition for Troops 25 Novr.....	55.75	
Joseph Madden 12 days Sunday service 10th Ward.....	18.00	
J Morton to pay Hack hire Sample wine &c.....	10.00	
J Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Feb.....	45.50	
J Pinckney do " "	45.50	
Geo: Duryea Clerk Fulton Market " "	41.67	
Richd Smith do Franklin " " "	38.75	
I Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59	
G Snethen lighting Lamps " "	830.29	
R Provoost repairing do " "	114.99	
Van Deusen & Co work at Lamps 1 Qur "	69.58	
O M Lownds Sheriff for Officers Attending Courts 1 Qur 1 Feb	971.25	
S Montgomery for Officers Serving Supbeonas " "	212.50	
Joseph L Hays Serving Supbeonas on Wm J Waldron & others	10.00	
Wm Sherwood Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qur 1 Feb..	37.50	
O McCabe Acct reg & pav Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson Street.....	750.00	
C Coles Acct reg & pav Attorney Street from Broome to Stanton Street	400.00	
[297] J. Culbert bal reg & pav Canal Street from Hudson to Greenwich Street.....	200.12	
C Mooney Actt reg & pav Pearl Street from Franklin Square to Oak Street.....	200.	
O Smith Acct reg & pav Essex street from Delancy to Rivington Street	160.	
G Tucker Altering Culverts Chapel Street.....	400.68	
S Fargay pav Side walks Chatham Street near Jail.....	29.50	
S Fargay repairing sundry Culverts.....	18.68	
Proprietors of American Advertising unpaid Assessments 21st Inst	41.87	
J. P. Dietrich selling 5 lots for non payt Assessments.....	10.00	
J Gallagher Senr bal Well Willet near North Street.....	53.75	
J Gallagher Junr bal Well Suffolk near Stanton Street.....	52.00	
J Gallagher Junr bal Well Amity near Thompson Street....	48.75	
R Pettigrew bal do Amity near McDougal.....	40.00	
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Repairs.....	550.00	9459.72
Balance		$49.43

[298] In Common Council February 13th 1826

Present—The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Saml Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Daniel Dunscomb	Wm S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
Wm P Rathbone	Abm M Valentine
Wm A Davis	Samuel Pitman
	Effingham Sheiffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was presented from a number of Inhabitants to have Bond Street paved from Broadway to the Bowery—was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Whalley for remission of penalty incurred for selling second hand furniture without Licence—was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants [299] in the vicinity of Front Street for removing the obstructions in said street which was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of R Strong for compensation for taking a Jury list for the 5th Ward was referred to the Committe on Laws

A Petition of Thomas Wymbs praying the remission of fine incurred for selling second hand furniture without Licence was referred to the Police Committe

A Petition of Peter Collins to be appointed a Public Porter in Pearl Street near Wall Street was referred to his Honor the Mayor

A Petition of Arthur Howard for Lease of Cellar under Franklin Market was referred to the Market Committe

A Petition of John Crouter to be appointed a Wood Inspector was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Jacob Van Orden to be appointed a Wood Inspector was referred to the same Committee

A Petition of Samuel Whittemore and others for Wells and Pumps

at the Corner of Charles and Factory streets and for Lamps at Amos and Factory Streets was referred the first to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and the latter to the Lamp Committe

A Petition of Edward Clason for relief [300] in consequence of his house and Lot having been sold for Assessment was referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of C H Hall and others for opening Fourth Street between the East River and Bowery was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition of the Marshals appointed to take the Census of the City praying to be heard on subject of Compensation allowed them for performing said services was referred to the Finance Committe.

A Petition of Nathaniel Underhill Butcher for a Licence for the stand N° 58 Fulton Market upon a transfer from James Van Arsdale was referred to the Market Committe.

A Petition of Henry McFarlane and others who were appointed a Committee at a Meeting of Delegates from the religious Societies within this City to apply to this Board for a repeal of the Ordinance prohibiting Interments &c: was read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Mr Schieffelin Mr Van Wyck Alderman Lamb Mr Valentine Alderman Gilford Mr Hitchcock and Mr Peters—On Motion of Alderman Taylor it was resolved that all papers relating to the subject of Interments be referred to the Special Committe on that subject.

An Account of B & J Bunting for building Vaults at the Public Burial Ground was referred to the Finance Committe.

[301] A Communication was received from Benjn Strong and others a Committe praying that a cause now pending in the Supreme Court under the Interment Law may be postponed which was read, delay granted, and the Counsel directed to carry the same into effect.

A Communication was received from Joseph Spencer City Sealer stating that some persons have and are in the practice of exposing and vending incorrect dry measures &c which was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition was received from a number of Inhabitants for opening 6th & 7th Streets from the East river to the Bowery in the 11th Ward was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the 11th Ward p[r]aying that 4th & 5th Streets from the East river to the Bowery in the 11th Ward may be opened was referred to the Street Committe

A Petition for removing fences &c in the streets between Stanton and North Streets was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of George C Schroeppel against opening 32d Street which was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of sundry Persons relative to Williamsburgh Ferry praying that the Collector may be directed not to receive the rent, on account of the Lessees of said Ferry having violated their Lease was referred to the Ferry Committee

[302] A Petition of Inhabitants of Washington Cedar and Albany Streets for the correction of a nuisance which was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of sundry Fishermen praying that the selling of Fish on Sundays from November to May—may be prohibited which was referred to the Market Committe.

A Communication was received from James A Hamilton and others proprietors of the upper Bulls head Tavren, offering a paved yard for the accommodation of Hay Waggons which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward

A Communication was received from Samuel Gunton Fire Warden of the 9th Ward complaining of breaches of the Laws and recommending the publishing of them for the use of the Wardens which was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department.

A Petition of James Hunt for the office of Wood Inspector which was referred to the Committe on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Communication was received from the New York Gas light Company for permission to light the Common Council Chamber with Gas was read and referred to the Committe on Public Offices.

A Petition from a Number of Citizens of Manhattan Island for a Fire Engine was referred to the Committe on the Fire Department

[303] A Remonstrance was received from Samuel Webb Abijah Mathews and a number of Inhabitants against widening Henry Street further than Catherine Street which was laid on the Table

The Report of the Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Ministerial services of the Revd Mr Stanford presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was refered the Report of the Revd Mr Stanfords Ministerial Services at the Bridewell Bellevue Establishment &c. during the last year have directed one hundred Copies thereof to be printed and they respectfully submit the following Resolution to the Board

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to issue a Warrant in favor of the Rev[d] John Stanford for three hundred dollars

Sam[el] Gilford Jun[r]
W[m] W Mott
William S Coe
P W Engs
Jacob B Taylor

Upon reading the same Alderman Dunscomb moved that the compensation mentioned in the report be $500 instead of $300 which was agreed and the Resolution with that amendment was adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Assessment for the Cisterns at St. Thomas Church and sundry Resolutions respecting Assessments presented a Report which after considerable discussion was laid for further consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

[304] The Committe on Police to whom was referred the Resolution directing Lamps to be placed on Hackney Carriages reported in favor of the same by a Law directing each owner of a Hackney Carriage to have fixed on his Carriage when driven in the night time a lighted lamp with Glass sides and the Number of the Carriage painted thereon in figures of two inches in length. Which was read and passed under the Title of a Law to amend the Law entitled A Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages.

The Committe on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for additional Measurers of Charcoal presented a Report in favor of the same

The Committe on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of sundry Consumers of Charcoal, praying for additional Inspectors Report

That they have had the subject under consideration, and from the number and respectability of the Petitioners—The Committee recommend the appointment of Three additional inspectors and measurers of Charcoal

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petitions of sundry Persons to be appointed Measurers of Charcoal presented the following Report

The Committe on Applications for Office to [305] whom was

referred the Petitions of George Sibell John Culver James Grieg Richard Lanckenau & Alexander Lewis to be appointed Inspectors and Measures of Charcoal have made particular inquiry respecting the above named petitioners and believe them to be well qualified to discharge the duties of said Office—We therefore Recommend to the Common Council to elect by Ballot from the above names for Three additional Measurers of Charcoal

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Whereupon the same was accepted and the Board proceeded to Ballot for persons to fill said Office when George Sibell John W Wheeler and John Culver were chosen—And it was Resolved that George Sibell John W Wheeler & John Culver be and they are hereby appointed Measurers of Charcoal for the City of New York

The Committee on Charity to whom was referred the Petition of the Directors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution reported against the same as follows.

The Committee of Charity to whom was referred a petition in behalf of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb

Report that the Petitioners are a Committee of the Directors of the said Institution appointed to ask of the Common Council pecuniary and other aid to assist the Directors in erecting a Permanent Assylum for the Accomodation of the Deaf and Dumb as likewise Workshops for their employment. It is admitted by all that the objects contemplated by the Institution are laudable and would fulfil an extremely necessary [306] purpose namely the employment of the deaf and dumb at times not consumed in their Instruction But your Committe briefly observe that when contrasted with other Institutions of similar purport it appears not more entitled to the liberality of the Common Council and that it would be unjust to yield to this Institution an exclusive donation, and to give to all simularly situated would have a tendency to exhaust the treasury

Effingham Schieffelin
Ab^{m} M Valentine
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}

Which was approved

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas R Smith reported against the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of Thomas R Smith Respectfully Report

That the Memorialist was Lessee of district Number four of the

Public Piers and Slips from May 1824 to May 1825 that in his Lease the said district is described as "beginning at Pier Number one East River, and extending to and including the Pier on the Easterly side of Coenties Slip" That the Memorialist claims an allowance of the amount of Wharfage which accrued on the Easterly side and half the end of the last mentioned Pier, which he alleges was included in his Lease, but which he was not permitted to occupy, it being private property

It appears from the examination which the Committee have given to the subject, that the Districts were let at Auction by the Comptroller after having been [307] advertised some time previously; that in that advertisement the several districts were particularly described, and it was also stated that the Laws of the State and the Corporation which related to the subject, and the usual form of the Leases, as well as a Map showing the districts might be seen in the Comptrollers Office, it was therefore in the power of the Memorialist to have ascertained the precise limits of the district previously to his purchase, and it is to be presumed that he did so, unless he should have considered it unnecessary, in consequence of his having a perfect knowledge of said limits, which was in all probability the case, as the Committee find by an examination at the Comptrollers Office that the Memorialist was a joint Lessee with a Mr Thorne for all the public Piers and Slips for the year 1823, and it is reasonable to suppose, that during that year he must have acquired a perfect Knowledge of their extent.

It also appears from the examination made by the Committee, that the Memorialist made an application to the Common Council in January 1825 in which he solicits a discharge from his Lease, and altho he offers many reasons to induce the Board to comply with his wishes he makes no mention of his having misunderstood the extent of the district, and from all the information obtained by the Committee on the subject, they cannot resist the conviction that the Memorialist must have been perfectly acquainted with the extent at the time he made the purchase they therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution—Resolved that the prayer of the Memorialist ought not to be granted

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman
John Hitchcock
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[308] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Phillips for stand N° 37 in Catherine Market reported in favor of the same as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Phillips for the stand N° 37 Catherine Market (the present occupant Benjamin M Taylor being desirous that said stand should be transferred to the petitioner) respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted. And respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Licence be accordingly given to said John Phillips

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Evans for stand N° 35 Fulton Market reported in favor of the same as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Evans to hold the Stand N° 35 Fulton Market the present Occupant Christian Truss being willing to resign the same to the petitioner Respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted—And Respectfully submit the following Resolution

[309] Resolved that the Stand N° 35 Fulton Market be assigned to John Evans and that a Butchers Licence be accordingly granted.

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Mary M^c^Curdy to be released from the payment of a Personal Tax—reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Mary M^c^Curdy—Report that they have examined the facts in this case and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought

to be granted. And therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Mary McCurdy be released from the payment of personal Tax for the year 1825 except on the amount of Two hundred and fifty Dollars personal property

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
P. C Van Wyck
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James L Bleecker to be relieved from the payment of a part of his Personal Tax reported in favor of the same as follows

[310] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James L Bleecker praying to be released from part of his Personal Tax—Report that they are convinced by Affidavits that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted Therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that James L Bleecker is hereby released from the payment of personal Tax for the year 1825 except on Two hundred Dollars personal property

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
P. C Van Wyck
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Renwick to be released from the payment of Personal Tax reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of James Renwick praying to be released from personal Tax Respectfully report that they are satisfied by the Affidavits & other evidence that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted and Submit the following Resolution

Resolved that James Renwick is hereby released from the Payment of Personal Tax for the year 1825

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
P. C Van Wyck
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[311] The Police Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hart for remission of fine for selling second hand Clothes without a Licence reported in favor as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Hart p[r]aying for the remission of a penalty incurred for selling second [hand] Clothes &c without licence—Report that they have taken into consideration the matter set forth in said petition and that the prayer of said petitioner ought to be granted on payment of costs of prosecution

All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ann Mayo for remission of fine for selling second hand clothes without a Licence reported against the same as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Ann Mayo praying to be released from the payment of a fine incurred for selling second hand articles without Licence—Report that they have taken into consideration the matter set forth in her petition and that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted

Which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C. Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred [312] the Petition of G Hicks praying for remission of a Penalty incurred for not filling in a Lot of ground reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Gilbert Hicks praying for the remission of a penalty incurred for not filling in a Lot of ground of which he is Lessee—Report that they have taken into consideration the Matter set forth in said petition and that the prayer of said petitioner ought to be granted

All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of M Shrewsbury for a remission of fine incurred by selling Liquors without Licence reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Shrewsbury praying for the remission of a penalty incurred for selling liquors without Licence Report that they have taken into consideration the matter set forth in said petition, and that the prayer of said petitioner ought to be granted on paying the costs of Prosecution

All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis M Sprong to be appointed [313] Register of Dogs reported in favor of the same—On motion laid on the Table for further consideration

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Watson to be appointed Register of Dogs—Reported that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition—Which after considerable discussion was laid on the Table for further Consideration.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the subject of Making Ferry Slip at the foot of Walnut Street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Ferry Committee to whom the subject of Making the Ferry Slip at the foot of Walnut Street was referred Report that on examining the Water Grants adjoining the same they find it for the public Interest to direct the owners adjacent, to make South street—and they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that South street be made between the westerly line of the Water granted to John Youle, and Easterly line of the water granted to Thomas and John Gardner, and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly

All which is submitted

Wm P Rathbone
William W Mott
John Yates Cebra

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of Property on Lombardy Street between Clinton and Grand Streets reported in favor of the same as follows

[314] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of the property on Lombardy Street between Clinton and Grand Streets praying that said street may be regulated and paved—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Lombardy street be regulated and paved from Clinton to Grand Street—and that the Street Commissioner take measures for carrying the same into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for regulating and Paving Mercer Street from Amity Street to Art Street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for regulating and paving Mercer Street from Amity to Art Street—Report that in their opinion, that street ought to be paved and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Mercer street be regulated and paved between Amity Street and Art Street and that the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[315] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nicholas Fish and others to have 8th Street regulated. Reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons praying that Eighth street may be regulated the Curb stone set and the side walks gravelled between Broadway & the Bowery Report, that your Committee are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and also that it is further necessary that Eighth street should be regulated to Greenwich lane in

as much as that Art Street is about to be closed and that 8th Street will be the only opening or thoroughfare between Greenwich Village and Broadway accordingly they submit the following resolutions

Resolved that Eighth Street be regulated Curbed, and the side walks gravelled from the Bowery to Broadway

Resolved that Eighth Street be regulated from Broadway to Greenwich Lane

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening Henry Street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Widening Henry Street—Report—That they have duly considered the remonstrances against the same [316] and are of the opinion that there is no substantial reasons offered that should induce your Committee to dissent from the report of the former Committee on that subject—They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that Henry Street be widened from Oliver Street to Rutgers Street.

Resolved that the Resolutions hereunto annexed as offerred by the Counsel to this Board in relation to the widening of Henry Street be and the same is hereby adopted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

The Resolutions of the Counsel in relation to widening Henry Street were as follows

I Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to widen Henry Street, in the Fourth and Seventh Wards of the City of New York, from Oliver Street to Rutgers Street according to the plan and on the lines laid down in a Map entitled " Map shewing the property required for widening Henry Street from Rutgers to Oliver Street," dated New York January 1826 Surveyed by Thomas R Ludlum City Surveyor (the said Henry Street being a street in that part of the said City not laid down into Streets, Avenues, Squares and Public Places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York,

nder and by virtue of the Act, entitled an "Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807 and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done, and that the Counsel of the Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners [317] of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the same may be carried into effect

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to cause the Petition to the Supreme Court in the premises, to be authenticated during the recess of the Board in the usual manner

After considerable discussion Alderman Davis moved that the subject be postponed when the Ayes & Noes were called and the Members Voted as follows in the

Affirmative Ald Dunscomb Davis Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Engs Schieffelin 7

Negative Honbl Recorder Aldn Cebra Gilford Agnew Lamb Reed Cox Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Mr Mott Mr Bolton Mr Lozier Mr Coe Peters Valentine Pitman 17

which passed in the Negative—Alderman Davis then called the Ayes & Noes on the Question wether the Original Report should be adopted when the Members voted as follows—in the

Affirmative The Recorder Ald. Cebra Gilford Agnew Lamb Reed Coe Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Mr Bolton Mott Lozier Coe Peters Valentine Pittman 17

Negative Ald Dunscomb Davis Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Engs Schieffelin 7

Which passed in the Affirmative

[318] The following were appointed Firemen, The Resignations accepted—the Chief Engineer certifying the same

Fire Engine Company

No 12

Walter Welsh—Brush Maker 64 Ann Street

Vc John Jarvis—Resigned

No 15

Samuel P Adams Sail Maker 3 Hester Street

Vc Stephen Roberts—Resigned

No 17

William Spence—Hair Dresser 14 Catherine Slip

Vc Lewis Ballas—Left the Cit

No 19

George Lankenau—Cartman Cor Hester & Chrystie Sts
Vc Charles Good Resigned

Charles S Burt—Ship Wright 42 Elizabeth Street
Vc Thomas Lowree Resigned

No 26

Ebenezer Morgan—Resigned
James Badgly—Resigned

No 41

Vincent White—Cartman 67 Arundle Street
Vc George Klotts—Resigned

William J Pell Blacksmith 591 Water Street
Vc John L Jones—Absent from the City

William Livingston—Engineer Cherry n Walnut Street
Vc Enos Force—Absent from the City

Daniel Lewis—Founder 438 Cherry Street
Vc Isaac Marshall—Resigned

James Bennet—Coach Maker Green n Pitt Street
Vc Amos B Clark Expelled for neglect of Duty

[319] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of sundry nuisances which were Passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances—Vizt

No	1. J Tabele	Owner	No	36	Ann Street	A Privy
	2 Wm H Sparks	Lessee	No	2	Ferry Street	do
	3 Wm Shepherd	Owner	No	83	Fulton Street	do
	4 Wm H Sparks	Lessee	No	4	Ferry Street	do
	5 M Stuart	owner		44	do	do
	6 Do	do		46	do	do
	7. Wm Shepherd	do		83	Fulton Street	do
	8. G Bruen	do		87	do	do
	9. A Antonids	do		133	do	do
	10. S Norsworthy	do		137	do	do
	11. P. Hegeman	do		141	do	do
	12. Wm Colgate	do	No	10	Gold Street	do
	13. J Tucker	Lessee		21	do	do
	14. J Sutphen	owner		31	do	do
	15. E Duyckinck	do		45	do	do
	16. S Horton	do		47	do	do
	17. W Jewell	do		90	William Street	do
	18. Wm Wallace	do		103	do	do
	19. Wm Thompson	do		129	do	do
	20. M Cruickshank	do		133	do	do

Also for regulating Eighth street from the Bowery to Greenwich Lane and Abraham Baudoine Francis Peckwell and John Brower were appointed Assessors

Also for making South Street between the westerly line of the grant to John Youle and the Easterly line of the grant to Thomas & John Gardiner

An Invitation was received from John H J Brower to visit Peales Parthenon at any time previous to the 15th Inst to view two specemins of his portrait Busts which was accepted

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Whereas from Legislative indications the Common Council of the City of New York entertain the belief that it is the intention of the Honorable the Senate to direct an Autumnal or Extra Session of the Court of Errors to be held elsewhere than at the Legislative Capitol of this State And whereas in behalf of their fellow citizens as well as for themselves the Common Council anxiously desirous of manifesting the high gratification contemplated in the auspicious presence in this City of the Supreme Judicial tribunal of this State and to the end that the municipal hospitalities founded on the reverential attachment entertained in common by our fellow Citizens shall be most appropriately and respectfully tendered—Resolved that his Honor the Mayor in behalf of the Common Council is hereby requested to address to the Honorable the Senate of this State an invitation proffering [322] the civic Hospitalities at the disposal of this Common Council, should it be resolved that the extra Session of the Court of Errors, be held elsewhere than in the Legislative Hall of the Capitol, with a solicitation praying, that the preference in the Location of the intended Session might be decided in favor of this City

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution—Resolved that a Committe be appointed to confer with the College of Physicians and Surgeons in relation to subjects connected with that Institution and report the result of their conference and deliberation Which was referred to the Special Committe on the Intermant Law

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution—Resolved that it be referred to the Charity Committee to consider of the propriety of Co operating in the application made by the New York Eye Infirmary to the Legislature for a continuance of Legislative bounty the term limited being about to expire—Which was referred to the Committee on Charity

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Street Commissioner furnish a statement at the next meeting

of Board; of the Cases of Assessment under the 175th Section of the Act to reduce several Laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act in which surveys have been made and the expence of such Surveys in each case from the time when the practice of making such surveys commenced until the present time which was adopted.

Alderman Cebra presented the following [323] Resolution—Resolved that Duncan P Campbell be appointed and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of the School Fund for the City of New York in place of Oliver H Hicks resigned Which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution Resolved that the contract between the Corporation of this City and the New York Gas light Company for lighting the City be referred to a Special Committee with Copies of all proceedings had thereon by former Boards—And instructions to ascertain the expence necessary to incur in order to prepare for the introduction of the Gas light in our Public Lamps and that they report a statement of the Same together with an estimate of the cost of lighting the City with Oil—Having due regard to producing the same quantum of Light by either method which was referred to a Special Committee of Mr Engs The Recorder Mr Mott—Alderman Lamb & Alderman Taylor

Mr Arcularius presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature inquire into the expediency and propriety of an Application to that Body, for a Law altering the existing Law of the State laying a Tax on Banks and Insurance Companies so that the sum raised on all the Fire Insurance Companies doing business in this City instead of being paid into the State Treasury may be paid into the City Treasury, for the use of the Fire Department in part for the sinking of Public Cisterns and for such other Public uses as the Common Council shall from time to time direct—Which was adopted.

Alderman Taylor presented the following Resolution Resolved that Wooster Street be regulated and paved from Fourth to Eighth Street—Which was referred to the Street Committee

Alderman Reed presented a Resolution on subject of cleaning the Streets which was referred to the following Special Committee Aldn Reed Gilford Ostrander Agnew Mr Cox

[324] Alderman Reed presented the following Resolution Resolved that Pedlers and all others be prohibited from unnecessarily hallowing aloud in the Streets of our City after the hour of 9 OClock in the

Evening and before the break of day in the morning—And that the Counsel of the Board be directed to prepare a Law accordingly—Which was referred to the Police Committee

Alderman Reed presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Committee on the Jail and Bridewell be requested to enquire and report on the subject of regulating public ground near the Jail—Which was adopted

Alderman Lamb moved that when the Board adjourn they adjourn to meet on Monday next for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposed application to the Legislature for the Law to alter the Organization of the Common Council which was agreed to and the same was made the order of the day for the said meeting

The Mayor stated that he had business of a Confidential nature to communicate—Whereupon the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed*

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 30 January		49.43
Recd for Tax of 1825		13.300.00
	Streets	4.952.72
	Rents	4.855.
	Justices Courts	872.34
	Fines &c of Sheriff	285.06
	Fines &c of Attorney	230.98
	Commutation Alien Passengers	160.00
[325]	Sales in Public Yard	76.97
	Wells & Pumps	75.59
	Mayoralty fees	52.00
Loan of J Fleming Treasurer from Amount of Tax from Incorporated Companies without Interest on Acct		30.200.00
		$55.110.09

71 Accts Audited and ordered to be paid

Capt Blauvelt—Watch 1st Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d Dist	775.25
Bleakly & Stagg do 3d Dist	750.75
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qurtr Salary 15 Inst	400.00
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall 1 Qur 1 Int	200.00
John Burger regulating public Clocks 1 Qur 1 Inst	50.00
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences Corporation to 1 Feb	142.08
R Graves Street Comr Act Manure & Trees Park & Battery	200.00
George H Cooper Carriage hire	154.00
S Stevens Costs on suit Corporation Vs Osborne & Davis	38.19
R Ayres 191 loads Earth on Park	23.87

* No entry.—Ed.

Leonard A Bleecker Clerk renewing Cartmans Licences 11 days	19.25
M Ulshoeffer draws Laws & Leases & Certificates	208.00
J Coffin Asst City Inspector removing nuisances 1 Qur 1st Inst bal	30.00
P Ammerman Clerk 3 Markets 1 Mo 1 Inst	48.50
J Gilbert do 3 Marke[t]s do do	49.00
J *Bremen* [Bremner] do Catherine do do do	62.00
L Baum do Washington do do do	75.42
Geo. B Thorp Keeper City Prison & Depts 1 Qur 1 Inst	450.00
John J Howe Physician do 1 Qur do	75.00
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards " "	400.00
E Morrill " 4. 6 do " "	400.00
H Meigs " 5. 8 do " "	400.00
J Campbell Clerk 5. 8 do " "	187.50
David M Cowdrey " 1. 2. 3 do " "	187.50
[326] George Betts " 4. 6 do " "	187.50
Wm H Smith " 7. 10 do " "	187.50
Alexr Young—Rent of Court Room 4. 6 Wards " "	32.50
Jesse Howard do 5 8 " "	25.00
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qur Salary 12 Inst	375.00
R Hatfield do to pay witnesses 1 Qur 12 Inst	39.00
John P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qurr Salary 3 Inst	50.00
J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qurr Salary 12 Inst	400.00
H Abell do " "	400.00
S Ovutt do " "	400.00
S L Hommedieu Clerk of Police " "	312.50
R Stephens Asst Clerk do " "	250.00
Abm Leggett work of Mud scow 2d Jan to 10 Feb	183.91
James Morgan & Son repairs of Mud Scow	74.89
Geo: Buckmaster & Son plank &c for Mud Scow	50.03
P & H Van Pelt—printing 1 Qutr 1 Inst	424.50
H Post Jr for 23 Casks of Oil bot of Job Colman	824.00
Haydock & Jenkins 15 Casks oil	716.04
Gilleland & Co 52 Gas Lamps	95.64
Jas Rosevelt Award opening Mulberry Street from Rosevelts line to Bleecker Street	2600.00
J Pinkerton Actt reg & pav 4th Street from Broadway to 6 Avenue	1200.00
Thompson Price Actt Public Cisterns	1000.00
J Culbert Actt repav Duane Street from Broadway to Hudson St	300.00
H Smith bal reg & pav West Street from Murray to Duane St	360.80
J Pinkerton pav Side walks Cor Greenwich & North Moore Sts	60.48
S Fargay—repairing Intersections 4th Ward	350.57
S. Fargay repairing Intersectons 10th Ward	222.75

C Coles repairs at North Street	24.82	
R Ayres—repairing docks & carting from Markets	10.00	
Wm L Morris for Estate Jacob S Arden in return Costs 2 Lots Arden Street sold 28 Decemr 1825	14.00	
[327] Jas Devlin return costs house & Lot East Bank St sold 10 Novr 1824	7.00	
Thos Blanch do House & Lot Church Street sold 9 August 1824	7.00	
R Pettigrew 1st payt Well Henry Street near Gouverneur Str	74.00	
C Coles bal filling at Bulk head Rivington & Stanton Slip	2823.50	
Geo: Lovet bal Pier at Catherine Slip	912.50	
Thompson Price—bal building Market Catherine Slip	1850.	
J Rappleyea & J G Dyckman cleaning Streets 1 Qutr 1 Feb.	1250.	
Ald White Chairman Finance Committee to pay Sweepers Public Grounds	500.	
Lindley Murray Treasr City Dispensary	500.	
Mechanics Bank Interest 11 Bonds 1 January 1826	1160.78	
Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs for Pump Department	255.	
Jacob P Roome do for Docks & Slips	405.	
Jacob P Roome do " Fire Department	600.	
Jacob P Roome do " Repairs	767.	
A Burtis Superdt Alms House	8000.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qr 1 Feb.	18.500.00	55.080.77
	Balance	$29.32

[328] Special Meeting In Common Council February 20th 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Anthony Lamb	Pierre C Van Wyck
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Daniel E Dunscomb	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
Wm P Rathbone	Abm M Valentine
Wm A Davis	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting were dispensed with

A Petition from owners of property in McDougall Street in Sixth Street and in the Avenue to Greenwich Lane praying that Lamps may

be placed in those Streets was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Alex^{r} L Stewart and others was received stating that on or about the 16th January last Petitioners prayed that certain monies awarded to them in opening Green Street might be paid to George B Smith by whom the same would be divided and paid over to the several persons entitled thereto which was referred to the Finance Committee with powers who agreed to the same but said George B Smith [329] declined acting that since the same Peter W Livingston one of the parties to the Petition has departed this Life & a new authority became necessary that such has been prepared and Petitioners now pray the monies may be now paid to John F Cox as the Attorney of the Parties interested the same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance from Henry Remsen against the Petition for altering the name of Bancker Street to Rose Street and a letter from Colo: Rutgers to his Honor the Mayor also objecting to said change was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from John Harris and others praying that M^{c}Dougal Street may be regulated and paved from Fourth to Sixth Street and that Sixth Street from M^{c}Dougal to Christopher Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Paul Wimer for Office of Measurer of Charcoal was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Isaac Haring to be appointed Assistant of the 3^{d} Watch District was presented and laid on the Table—It was afterwards called up and the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill said Office whe[n] he was duly chosen—And it was Resolved that Isaac Haring be and he is hereby Appointed Assistant of the 3^{d} District City Watch.

A Petition from William Ludlum for relief from Penalty incurred by selling Liquor on Sunday was read and referred to the Police Committee.

[330] A Petition of sundry owners praying that agreeably to the plan proposed that Love lane be closed and that Twenty first street be opened from the Bowery to the Eighth Avenue which having been read was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that a new Market may be built for the accomodation of the Inhabitants on the East side of the City above Grand Street and suggesting that the new

made ground between Rivington & Stanton Streets would be a suitable Scite for such Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance was presented from a number of owners of Lots in 7th Ward against granting the prayer of the Petition for opening Water Street between Clinton Street and Corlaers Hook stating among other objections that it would be the cause of breaking up the Ship Yards which afford employment and profit to so many of the Citizens in that portion of the City the same having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joel Miller for office of Assistant of the 3d District Watch was presented and laid on the Table—It was afterwards called up and read when the Ballot was gone into for the appointment to that Office

A Petition that Bancker Street may be paved between Grand and Walnut Street and that the same may be done in May next when the Improvement for widening the Street is to take place was read & referred to the Street Committee

[331] A Petition of E Anderson & Wm Baldwin praying for relief from an Assessment on Lots owned by them was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Thomas W Stratton for Stall No 18 Washington Market at present occupied by Charles Myers was referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial from the New York Literary & Philosophical Society praying an extension of the Lease of the Room they hold under the Corporation in the building on Chamber Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Letter was presented from John Vanderlyn addressed to the Mayor in which Mr Vanderlyn remonstrated against disposing of the Rotunda to any other person than himself and requesting a delay of proceedings thereon until his return to the City—The same having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Peter Waggoner for Stall No 18 Catherine Market at present occupied by Ephraim B Bolander was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Charles B Shaw to be appointed City Surveyor was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Memorial was presented from David Gelston and others owners of property at Greenwich stating that they are informed the Legislature are about disposing of the State Prison and the grounds thereto

belonging—That they have heard with great concern that the Corporation have [332] it in contemplation to purchase the same for the purposes of a City Prison Jail &c such an Occupation of the ground they consider would be highly injurious to the owners of property in that part of the City and would deprive them of the advantages from the Commerce of the City which those grounds from their situation appear so eminently to promise they therefore respectfully remonstrate against the measure The same having been read was directed to be laid on the Table for further consideration

A Memorial was received from the owners of ground lying and being [in] that portion of land set apart by the Law of April 1807 as a Military Square praying the Corporation to apply to the Legislature for a Law authorising them to relinquish the Military Square altogether which having been read was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Law to amend the Law concerning Dogs was presented read & referred to the Committee on Laws

A Report was received from the Trustees of the Bank for Savings for the year 1825—by this it appeared that the amount of deposits funded in stock of the United States and City Stock was $1.367.689.76 in Real Estate $22.286.59 and in Cash not invested $30.250.20 making a Total of $1.420.326.55 The same having been read was ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Laws on the Petition of Roger Strong for compensation for taking the Jury list of the 5th Ward reported in his favor as follows

The Law Committee to whom was referred the petition of Roger Strong Esqr praying for Compensation for [333] making a Jury list of the Fifth Ward beg leave to Report

That they have examined the Jury list and believe it to be made as correctly as the circumstances would permit That it was absolutely necessary that the Jury list of the Fifth Ward should be furnished in order for the Clerk of the City to complete the ballots necessary to be put into the Box containing those of the other wards before any Juries were drawn from the Box—That in making this list a very essential service has been rendered to the Public. The Committee further state that the assessors of the Fifth ward had for some reason unknown to the Committee, neglected to furnish a list and as the Law imposed it as a duty upon the Common Council to furnish it the voluntary service of Mr Strong without any obligation to undertake it and without any stipulation as to the Compensation renders it the more

meretorious on his part, and as he has undertaken and completed it in the most inclement season of the year the Committee are of opinion that One Hundred Dollars would be a moderate Compensation for the service, and therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his warrant for One hundred Dollars in favor of Roger Strong Esquire for his Compensation in furnishing a Jury list for the fifth Ward

P. C Van Wyck
Thoˢ Bolton
E Schieffelin

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Lands and Places on the Petition of James Seamen for Compensation for inspecting Manure deposited on the Battery reported in his favor in part as follows

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom the Petition of James Seaman was referred Respectfully Report

[334] That Mʳ Seaman in his Petition prays that he may be paid for inspecting the Manure carted on the Battery between December 1824 and March 1825 and he founds his claim on the ground of his being placed there by order of the (then) Committee on Lands and Places Your Committee have examined this subject and as far as relates to the Manure which was forfeited and carted there by order of the Committee that is 638 loads they think Mʳ Seamen ought to be paid by this Board which at three cents per Load will amount to the sum of $19 1⁄100 But for the residue the Committee are of the opinion that Mʳ Seaman has not any just claim whatever upon this Corporation. They beg leave to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of James Seaman for ($19 1⁄100) Nineteen dollars and fourteen cents for services rendered this Board as above stated

Thomas Bolton Chᵐ
Gideon Ostrander
P. C Van Wyck
Wᵐ A Davis

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Jeremiah Johnson and others praying that the Corporation would not receive from the Lessees of Williamsburgh Ferry the rent due thereon reported in favor of the Petition as follows

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jeremiah Johnson and others p[r]aying that this Corporation would not

receive the rent on the Williamburgh Ferry until after the Petitioners should have an opportunity of proving the facts set forth in the Petition beg leave to Report

That your Committee beleive that the great number of Charges and Complaints against the Lessees of that [335] Ferry require them to give this subject a deliberate examination and in the meantime as it is believed that the receiving of the rent absolves the Lessees from all former liabilities and may be deemed a justification of the Conduct of the Lessees your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector be directed not to receive the rent due on the Williamsburgh Ferry until otherwise instructed by this Corporation

All which is respectfully Submitted

Wm P Rathbone
John Yates Cebra
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of Nathaniel C Underhill for Stall No 58. Fulton Market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Nathaniel Underhill for Stall No 58 in Fulton Market respectfully Report—That the Petitioner formerly held a Stall in Fly Market and comes well recommended for stand No 58 in Fulton Market and that the present Occupant James Van Arsdale is willing to surrender the same—Your Committee therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
D E Dunscomb
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[336] The Market Committee on the Petition of Francis Spicer for Stall No 4 in Duane Market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to [whom] was referred the annexed Petition of Francis Spicer for a Stand in Duane Market respectfully Report—That the Petitioner has for many years past persued his occupation as a Butcher in this City and your Committee are of an opinion

that another Stand in Duane Market may with propriety be occupied therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that Stand N° 4 in Duane Market be assigned to Francis Spicer and that a Butchers Licence be granted accordingly

M^th^ Reed
D E Dunscomb
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee of Charity to whom was referred the Resolution respecting giving their sanction to the application of the New York Eye Infirmary for Legislative relief reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Charity to whom was referred a resolution requiring a Consideration of the propriety of co operating in the application made by the New York Eye Infirmary to the Legislature for a continuation of Legislative Bounty the term limited being about to expire, Report that they have duly considered the subject committed to their charge They are well satisfied that it is a very important institution and very beneficial in its operations to a community containing [337] very many cases coming within the Limits of the New York Eye Infirmary The great number of cases which have been operated upon and in most instances successfully; develope its utility and from its application of relief to the poor and miserable its character for extensive usefulness and charitable dispensations ought not to be doubted. That an Institution so laudable in its objects, ought to be fostered by the liberality of a munificent Legislature, and that the same ought to be meted out to its claims which have but few superior in competition is the opinion of your Committee. To effect so desirable a result it appears to your Committee advisable that this Common Council should sanction the application made to the Legislature by this Institution that $2000, annually be appropriated to sustain it in its contemplated efficiency and usefulness. To prove that the extraneous application to the Common Council in its behalf is not only reasonable but that the same ought to be made to the Legislature: it is but necessary it is believed to say, that its relief is not confined to inhabitants of this City; but extended to the afflicted inhabitants of the State regardless of residence; so that all who shall apply the Citizen and the Countryman, partake alike, impartially of the skill and attention of the skilfull and scientifick surgical professors connected with that

Institution. General in the application of its releif it ought not to be stamped with any Characteristick peculiar to this City only. It is true the institution is located here and richly merits the favorable countenance of the Municipal authorities; but it claims an affiliation by its munificent benefactor the Legislature of this State. That it may be successful is the prayer of your Committee for without assistance and that promptly applied, its career must eventually terminate. Your Committee understand that there is now a dimunition of its usefulness the funds of the Institution being exhausted and it is now believed that it is from Legislative [338] bounty alone that it can be renovated and sustained, and its course of superior benefit to the poor & afflicted of our fellow citizens. It is the opinion of your Committee that in the first instance, it rests with the Common Council to say, whether it will by a refusal to signify its approbation suffer a result melancholly to be contemplated; but reasonably to be apprehended; or whether, it will by its decisive sanction [avert] its final fate the incipient step to which it has now approached in the present stage of diminished usefulness of the Institution.

In the hopes that the opinion of the Common Council shall be favorable your Committee submit the following resolution; the tendency of which is to express an interposition in behalf of the New York Eye Infirmary and nothing more

Resolved, that his Honor the Mayor is respectfully requested in behalf of the Common Council to address the Honorable the Speaker of the Assembly and the Honorable the President of the Senate with a communication to be laid before the respective Legislative bodies over which they preside, expressing the favorable sentiments entertained by the Common Council in relation to the New York Eye Infirmary and praying that the Legislative Bounty may be encreased and continued to that meritorious Institution Feby 20. 1826 All of which is respectfully submitted

E Shchieffelin
Ab^{m} M Valentine
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on the subject of the mode in which Assessments were made and of the Employment of Surveyors on those Assessments which was laid on the Table

[339] The Counsel presented a Certificate of Sale of Lot to Robert Wilson.

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a Certificate of Sale

to Robert Willson of all that house and Lot in the Tenth Ward of the City of New York, on the South side of Delancy street between Arundel and Attorney Streets, assessed as belonging to M Maltbie designated on the Farm Map as N° 2115 for one year from 28th December 1827 for $27.7/100 This lot was sold at the last sale of lands for taxes, but the purchase money having only recently been paid, this Certificate is now made out by direction of the Collector of arrears of taxes

Respectfully submitted

Feb 20. 1826 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

Mr Bolton presented a Resolution directing the Battery Committee to enquire and report as to the expediency of enclosing that Public Walk with a substantial Iron fence which [was] read and referred to that Committee.

Upon motion of Alderman Cebra it was Resolved that the following amendments *me* [be] made to the Law entitled a Law to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages passed the 13th Inst Vizt after the words legible figures of at least two inches in length in said law be added the words with black or red paint on glass ground on the inner sides also that the Law so amended shall go into effect from and after the first Monday of March next—And a Law so amended was passed under the title of a Law further to amend the Law to regulate Hackney Carriages.

Mr Valentine presented a Resolution directing a Committee to Report to the Board all the facts in a certain Item in the Comptrollers last Report where the sum of $1700, and upwards has been paid for Manure and Labour for [340] the Park and Battery during the last year which being read was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

Alderman Cox presented a Resolution referring it to the Police Committee to report on the expediency of so amending the Law relative to Hackney Carriages as to provide for the appointment of an Inspector to see that the Laws on that subject are enforced, Which was accordingly referred to that Committee

Alderman Ostrander offered the following Resolved that suitable accomodations be made in this Hall for Jurors who of necessity are detained and kept together through the night—Which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on repairs with powers

Alderman Ostrander presented a Resolution for the Law Committee to enquire into the expediency of repealing the 19th section of

the Law Chapter 18 for appointment of a City Inspector &c. which was referred accordingly to said Committee (the Section relates to sinks being measured by a Surveyor)

It was moved that the Board now take into consideration the subject of the Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature and the Law reported by them The Report being read was in the words following

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, Respectfully report, on the subject of a resolution offered by Alderman Lamb which was referred to this Committee

That said resolution proposes to revive the Act of April 3d 1824 entitled "An Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of the City of New York" which Act [341] was heretofore not ratified by the Electors and therefore is inoperative—That your Committee have deliberated on the subject, and feel the strongest conviction that the public good requires the revival of the Act in question, and its adoption by the City—That they consider the division of the Common Council into two distinct bodies, to be called the Board of Aldermen, and the board of Assistants, as promising the most beneficial results in the management of the municipal concerns of the City—And in every view of the subject your Committee are of the opinion that the Common Council ought to apply to the Legislature for the passage of a Law to revive the before mentioned Act—Your Committee beg leave to refer the board to the said Act, for the details of the proposed alterations in the organization of the Common Council. They have also had prepared the draft of a Law to revive the Act in question, which is herewith presented for the consideration of the Board—And they likewise submit the Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject, and to which they beg leave to refer as explanatory of their views, and of the views of the Common Council when the former Application to the Legislature was made for the passage of the Law under Consideration

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the draft of a Memorial and Law herewith submitted be engrossed by the Counsel of the Board; and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legislature now in Session

William W Mott
Thos Bolton
Anthony Lamb

The Law being read was as follows

[342] An Act to revive an Act entitled "An Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of the City of New York passed April 3d 1824"

Whereas the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened have by their Petition under the Common Seal prayed for the passage of the following Law, therefore

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly that the said Act of the 3d April 1824, entitled "An Act to alter the organization of the Common Council of the City of New York," shall be and the same is hereby revived and re-enacted, and all and singular the provisions thereof are declared to be in as full force and effect as if the same were incorporated with, and made part of this Act: But that the said Act shall be null and void unless approved by a majority of the Electors of the said City, as provided for in and by the Eleventh and Twelfth Sections thereof, and if so ratified the same shall go into effect from and including the first Monday of November 1826 so far as it respects the first Election of Charter Officers under the said Act; and from and including the last Monday of December following the same shall, if ratified, go into full force and entire effect

Alderman Lamb proposed an Amendment which was read—Mr Valentine moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed—Alderman Reed having called a Division the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Aldn Gilford Lamb Reed [343] Dunscomb Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Lozier Engs Peters Schieffelin 12.

Affirmative Aldn Cebra Cox Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Davis Mr Arcularius Coe Valentine Pittman 10

So it passed in the Negative

Mr Peters then presented sundry Resolutions as a Substitute which were read and laid on the Table

Alderman Reed then moved that the subject be referred back to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative

The Question was then taken on agreeing to the Law as reported by the Committee and the Ayes and Noes having been required by Alderman Reed the Members voted as follows

Negative Aldn Cebra Cox Dunscomb Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Davis Mr Van Wyck Arcularius Coe Peters Valentine Pittman Schieffelin 14

Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldn Gilford Lamb Reed Mr Bo[l]ton Mott Lozier Engs 8

So it passed in the Negative and the Law was rejected.

[344] The Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Assessment for Cisterns at St Thomas's Church which was presented at last meeting and laid for further consideration was now called up and read together with the Law reported by them —After considerable discussion thereon the subject was finally referred Back to the Same Committee

Upon Motion it was Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be requested to Report at the next Meeting of the Board upon the subject referred to them respecting making the Office of Register in this City a Salary Office.

A motion was made that when the Board adjourn, they adjourn to meet at 5 oClock on Monday next which was agreed to—Motion that the Board now adjourn was negatived.

Mr Schieffelin presented the following which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

Resolved that application be made to the Legislature for such Emendation of the 3d Section of the Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires in the City of New York by striking out the words "and no more than two stories" from said section so as to permit the erection of Houses of more than two stories within the Fire Limits provided the same are erected in compliance with the other restraining provisions and requisitions of the Statute in such case made & enacted.

Mr Engs moved that the Special Committee in the Case of Capt Conklin be discharged—after some discussion and on the Chairman of the Committee stating that the Committee could not agree upon a Report, The Special [345] Committee were discharged from the further consideration of the case and it was referred to the Watch Committee

Mr Engs offered a Resolution the[at] Capt Conklin be restored to his Office of Capt of the Watch but before any question was taken thereon a Motion was made to adjourn and carried—And the Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 1826 TO MAY 22, 1826

[1] In Common Council February 27, 1826

Present The Honb[l] Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Alderman	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Jun[r]	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William P Rathbone	Ab[m] M Valentine
William A Davis	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last regular and Special Meetings were read and Approved.

A Petition from Cornelius Ray for a Water Grant fronting his ground on Front Street to the East of and near Walnut Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from John Watts owner of a Portion of the Ground laid out on the Commissioners Map as a Military Parade, stating his wish that the Corporation will immediately take measures [2] for compensating the Owners of the ground or that they would take measures that the said Military Parade ground may be abandoned—Which having been read was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of N Prime and others praying that Exchange Street may be extended into Pearl Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from Najah Taylor and others that Sloat Lane may be widened from Pearl to Exchange Street, was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Paul Lamberson to be appointed Register of Dogs was read and laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance from a number of Citizens against the p[r]actice of Persons Vending old clothes trinkets &c obstructing the Side Walks at the Markets, which having been read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Edward Byrne for Office of Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance from a number of Hack owners and Citizens against the Public Hack stands and recommending that they be abolished and that Hackney [3] Carriages stand at the Stable of the owners was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of J[o]nothan Skillman holding Stall No 29 Fulton Market and of Thomas Gibbons Junr holding stall No 2 same Market for permission to exchange Stalls with each other—was read and referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported thereon as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Jonothan Skillman occupant of Stall N° 29 Fulton Market and Thomas Gibbons Junr occupant of Stall N° 2 same Market for permission to exchange Stands respectfully Report—That your Committee have duly considered the subject, and know no cause why the prayer of the Petitioners should not be granted—They therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and [they be] Licenced accordingly

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Signed Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

A Petition of Ebenezer Ide for Office of Inspector and Measurer of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

[4] Sundry Remonstrances from Inhabitants of the 7th & 10th Wards against extending the Fire Limits to those Wards was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of William Westerfield and Gideon Tucker praying for further compensation for building the Fever Hospital in consequence of not having been supplied with Labourers from the Convicts agreeably to contract was read and referred to the Committee on the Fever Hospital.

A Petition of William Ely Agent of the Hartford Steam Boat Company for the Lease of the Wharf on the East side of Fulton Slip for the use of their Steam Boats was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of William Dusenbury for relief from a Fine incurred by not filling in a Lot in Christie Street was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of James Beckwith a Minor for Licence as a Cartman was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John M Ross to be appointed Inspector of Hackney Carriages was read and laid on the table

[5] A Petition that the Side Walks in First Street may be paved from the Bowery to the second Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the continuance of the Horse Market in the 9th Ward was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants praying the Slip at the foot of Gouverneur Street may be completed was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of C Mooney contractor for regulating Mott Street from Bleecker to Prince Street praying an extension of time to fulfil his contract until the first of August next or that he may be released from his contract was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Essex and Norfolk streets may be regulated and paved from Stanton to North streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Two Petitions for the establishing a Market above Grand Street for the accommodation of the Inhabitants on the East side of the Town was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Gardner praying that [6] a correction may be made of a mistake in selling a Lot owned by him which mistake arose from the Assessors mistaking the number of the Lot—Which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Shelton praying a return of $66 being Ten per cent paid by him on purchase of Stall N° 4 Essex Market—The person who was to have aided him with money for the prosecution of his business has died and being himself poor he is unable to carry on the business—The same having been read was referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of J Webbers to be appointed Inspector of Hackney Carriages was read and laid on the table.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants praying that a Pier may be made at the foot of Hammond or Perry Streets was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A further Petition from a Committee on the behalf of the Trustees of the City Dispensary for the grant of the Rotunda for the use of the Dispensary was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Grand Street Market remonstrating against the Petition [7] for building a Market on Manhattan Island and praying one may be built on the Scite of the present Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Marinus Willet on the subject of the Water Grant to him on the 21st May 1817 in which he was obligated to leave a strip of 25 feet along side of Slip at foot of Delancy Street but as there was no Slip left he built on the same Lot and he prop[os]es now an arrangement between him and the Corporation which was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor presented a Communication on the subject of a new System for cleansing the Streets of the City which was read and referred to the Special Committee of which Alderman Reed is Chairman.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Hudson and Bank streets reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition of Robert Halliday and others for a Well and Pump near the Junction of Hudson & Bank Streets report—That they have viewed the situation and as no objections have been offered they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[8] Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward on the Petition for a Well and Pump in Charles near Assylum Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition of Samuel Gunton and others for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Asylum Street report—That in their opinion a Well and Pump is much wanted in that vicinity and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Item of $1700. in the Comptrollers last Annual Account presented the following report

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom it was referred to inquire into the particulars of an Item of $178.95 contained in the Comptrollers last annual account submitted to this Board—Respectfully Report

[9] That in the months of December 1824 and the early part of 1825 the Street Contractors for taking the manure from the Streets failed entirely in the performance of their contract and the streets became so filthy, that the Corporation ordered the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective wards to cause the Streets to be cleaned without delay. In consequence of this order prompt measures were taken by the representatives of the Wards particularly in the lower parts of the City and the Streets were cleared The manure thus taken up was deposited in the Park and on the Battery and particularly on the latter place In the spring following some hundreds of loads of this dirt was thrown off the Battery into the river as entirely useless there; indeed this was expected as this place had been used as a place of Deposit, and not with a view of manuring those grounds—The carting and labour arising out of the order of the Board as above mentioned amounts to the sum of $915.95 being more than one half of the sum mentioned in the Comptrollers said Account of the remaining $870 the sum of $402.25 is charged to the Park account and the residue viz^{t} $467.65 to the Battery account—When the Committee came to settle with the Contractors in the Spring, they found that difficulties were involved in this case notwithstanding the prompt and efficient measures adopted by this Board and executed by the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and after mature reflection the Committee thought it was best to compromise the matter, and they allowed the Contractors for a part of the said Manure but at a reduced price amounting for each place to the sum above stated

[10] The Committee have annexed to this Report an extract from the Comptrollers Books which shows the details of this transaction The vouchers in support of these details are on file in that Office properly authenticated.

All which is respectfully submitted

Tho^{s} Bolton
Gideon Ostrander
P. C Van Wyck
John Agnew
Signed Wm A Davis

Which was accepted and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Resolution respecting appropriating the grounds of Pottersfield for the use of the Military and to be called the Military Parade ground reported in favor as follows

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom it was referred to inquire whether the ground now filling in and known as " Pottersfield " might not be appropriated for the use of the Military and called the " Military Parade Ground "

Respectfully Report—That the ground above mentioned is the old Pottersfield lying west of Broadway in the present Ninth Ward of this City, and is now regulating under the authority of this Board. From the Circumstances of this plot having been so lately used as a public burying ground on an extensive Scale, it is presumed by your Committee that this Corporation do not intend to use these [11] grounds for private purposes, under some years to come, with these views your Committee can see no objection to the Military being allowed the use of those grounds during the pleasure of this Corporation, for Military purposes and they beg leave to recommend the same accordingly.

Thos Bolton
Gideon Ostrander
P. C Van Wyck
John Agnew
Signed Wm A Davis

Which was approved and Accepted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Dutches and Orange Steam Boat Company for a Birth at Lents Basin reported that the present Wharf is leased until May next, and as probably a general plan will be adopted for leasing the Public Slips they recommend the Petition to be referred to the Finance Committee—Whereupon the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips was discharged from the further consideration of said Petition and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the following Resolution,

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be instructed to prepare a Memorial and the draft of a Law: providing for an appeal by Hebeus Corpus from the summary Conviction of the Special Justices of this [12] City in cases arising under the " Act for apprehending and punishing disorderly persons " and that upon the return of the Habeus Corpus the merits of the case may be inquired

into and the sentence if imp[r]oper reversed; and providing also for a repeal of the 4th Section of the Act entitled "An Act relative to the Alms House and Bridewell and City Prison in the City of New York" by which Section power is given to sentence persons upon summary convictions to six months at hard labour in the Penitentiary; and providing also that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen or any two of them may discharge any person convicted upon a summary Conviction without referrence to the committing Magistrate.

Presented the following report

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom the annexed Resolution was referred Respectfully Report—That they have taken into serious consideration the subjects stated in the annexed Resolution, and are of opinion that the 4th Section of the Act entitled "An Act relative to the Alms House and Bridewell and City Prison in the City of New York" by which section a power is given to sentence persons upon summary convictions to six months at hard labour in the Penitentiary requires alteration inasmuch as the punishment inflicted under it, is more severe proportionably considered than most punishments for simular offences—By the annexed draft of a Bill to be presented to the Legislature, power is given to the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of this City or any two of them (of whom the Mayor or Recorder always to be one) may enquire [13] into the merits of such conviction on appeal, and either reverse or mitigate the Sentence under the said Act—The Committee is further of Opinion that this provision will also put an end to any difficulties which may at any time arise under the "Act for apprehending and punishing disorderly persons" and they therefore submit the following Resolutions.

I. Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare a respectful memorial to the Legislature praying that the Law of which the draft is hereto annexed, may be passed by the Legislature, and that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the said Memorial in the recess of the Board

II. Resolved, that the said Memorial with an engrossed Copy of the Law of which the draft is herewith annexed, be presented with all speed to the Honorable the Legislature of the State

William W Mott
Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted. The Committee at the same time presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill to

be enacted into a Law under the Title of "an Act to prevent abuses under the Act entitled an Act for apprehending and punishing disorderly persons" which were approved directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature in the recess of the Board.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the subject of making [14] the Office of the Register of the City and County a Salary Office presented the following Report

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom the annexed resolution respecting the expediency of making the Office of Register of this City a Salary Office was referred Respectfully report

That the Committee cannot agree upon any steps to be pursued in relation to this subject and they therefore Report the following state of facts. That Mr Lent the Register has appeared before the Committee and has given the following information, That in the year 1821 under the Act of the Legislature requiring him to account and state his fees, the net amount of his profits from that office were about $1600, from the 1st May to the 1st Novr 1821, and that in 1823 from the 1st June to 1st January, his net profits were about $1800—that the expences to which he was subject were for Clerk hire—fuel and stationary that the Common Council furnished his room—that the law not requiring him to keep any account of his fees subsequent to that time, he had kept no account thereof, and could not state what they were—That his fees for recording deeds are 19 cents per folio of 128 words; and for copies of Records 12½ Cents for each Folio; but that for recording he has never charged more than 18¾ cents per folio—That for searches 12½ cents the first year, and 3 Cents for each subsequent year—These Comprehend all the facts which the Committee have been able to obtain And they therefore submit them to the Board in order that such measures may be taken [15] in the premises as the Board may deem necessary

William W Mott
Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Signed Thomas Bolton

Whereupon the same was accepted and ordered to be filed

Mr Van Wyck then presented the draft of a Bill to be forwarded for enactment into a Law by the Legislature under the Title of "an Act relative to the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York" The Bill provided that an Annual Salary should be paid by the Mayor Alderman & Commonalty to the Register in Lieu of all

Fees and that the Register should collect and receive all fees and pay them over to the Chamberlain for the use of the City. After some discussion Mr Bolton moved that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature with a request that they would consider of and report a suitable Tariff of fees to be received by the Register for services Rendered—Mr Van Wyck having called a division upon the Question being taken on Mr Boltons Motion when it was Carried in the Affirmative as follows—Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldermen Cebra Gilford, Agnew, Reed, Cox, Ostrander, Rathbone, Davis, Mr Bolton, Mott, Arcularius, Lozier, Coe, Peters Pittman 16 Negative—Aldermen Lamb, Taylor, Messs Van Wyck, Engs, Valentine, 5

[16] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution respecting altering the mode prescribed by the Constitution for the Election of the Mayor of this City presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the annexed Resolution proposing to make the Office of Mayor elective by the People Respectfully Report—That the present mode of choosing the Mayor was first adopted in the Convention which formed the New Constitution, and has been in force since the last day of December 1822

Those who were chosen to attend that Convention were men enjoying the Public confidence and many of them eminent in the profession of the Law. Among the representatives were some who now enjoy the highest Offices in the gift of the People of this State, and by referrence to the names of those who signed the Constitution it would appear that, that part of it under consideration received their approbation, and that every representative from this City subscribed that Instrument

But little more than three years have passed since the present method has been practised, and your Committee are not aware of any inconvenience, or any evils arising under it, which require Correction.

Your Committee would further remark that by the Eighth Article of the Constitution "Any amendment may be proposed in the Senate or Assembly, and [17] if the same shall be agreed to by a Majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendment shall be entered on their Journals, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and refered to the Legislature then next to be chosen; and shall be published for three months previous to the time of making such choice; and if in the Legislature next chosen as afore-

said such proposed amendment shall be agreed to by two thirds of all the members elected to each house, then it shall be the duty of the Legislature to submit such proposed amendment to the People"

A provision so recently adopted, by men familiar with our Institutions, experienced in the administration of our Laws, and under which no evils or inconvenience has arisen; requiring a course so difficult, and so much time to alter; your Committee deem it inexpedient to intermeddle with—They therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to apply to the Legislature for any alteration in the mode of appointing the Mayor of this City.

Respectfully submitted

William W Mott
Thomas Bolton
Anthony Lamb
Signed Jacob B Taylor

Whereupon the same was Approved and the Resolution adopted.

[18] The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of E Parmely for relief from Tax presented a Report which was read and referred back to the Committee

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Thomas Warren for relief from Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Warren respectfully Report—That the Petitioner was erroneously taxed on Five thousand dollars as appears by his statement under oath before the Committee—Therefore respectfully report that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and offer the following resolution

Resolved that M[r] Thomas Warren be and he is hereby released from the payment of personal Tax for the year 1825 on One thousand Dollars

John R Peters
William W Mott
Sam[el] Gilford J[r]
P. C Van Wyck

Which was Approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred a consideration of the Case of Aziel Conklin Captain of the First District City Watch presented the following Report and Resolution

[19] The Watch Committee to whom was referred the case of

Cap[t] Azel Conklin of the first District Watch suspended from his command, in consequence of being convicted by the Court of Sessions for Assault and Battery on Daniel Livingston—Report that they have had the parties before them; examined the minutes of the Recorder as presiding Judge of the Sessions; and have extended their enquiries as far as the nature of the case demanded. The facts are as follows.

On the night of the 5[th] Nov. last about 12 O Clock Dan[l] Livingston passing through Broadway saw a number of men standing near the Park fence, opposite the rear of the Bridewell, who appeared much excited, in consequence of a citizen having been knocked down by a Fireman for officiously attempting to stop the progress of an engine, Livingston drew near the crowd, and saw a person (who proves to be Conklin) ordering the people to disperse and heard him threaten them that if they did not willingly he would make them at this time Livingston stood near the edge or curb of the walk and expressed himself aloud that Conklins conduct was "imp[r]oper and he ought to be prosecuted" accompanied with other Language (as appears by testimony) calcu'ated to *initate* [intimidate] Conklin, who in a proper manner and mild language repeatedly requested Livingston and others to disperse as good citizens should do Livingston said he would "stand there as long as he pleased" upon which Conklin took hold of him and again said "all we want is to disperse" Livingston still kept his ground, whereupon Conklin immediately [20] ordered two Watchmen to take him to the Watch house which was done without resistance Livingston on entering the Watch house gave his name to Conklin as requested but states that Conklin refused to give his in turn, this however is partially accounted for, from the fact of Conklins being at that moment called to quell a riot near the Theatre, and not returning to the Watch house until One oClock—When Conklin left the watch house he ordered one of the Watchmen to take care of Livingston as a prisoner the Watchman immediately ordered him into the Cage to which he assented without altercation There is no testimony before your committee to shew that this was done by Conklins orders, but it is proper for them to state in connection with this, that when he returned to the Watch house, and found Livingston in the Cage, he gave assent to the Act by suffering him to remain there. Livingston in an expostulatory manner observed to Conklin "you take a pride in this thing" to which he replied "I do not" no other conversation passed between them during the night. About half an hour after he was put in the Cage, a man was brought into the Watch House apparently in a state of derangement, and was placed in the same

Cage with him this man continued walking about the Cage all night, stripped himself nearly naked *as* [and] was guilty of gross indelicacy Livingston informed one of the Watchmen of the mans misconduct (Conklin being asleep) but no notice was taken of the Complaint, and in this disagreeable situation Livingston remained until [21] morning when he was taken to the Police Office

Conklin states unequivocally that he did not order Livingston put in the Cage and that no person came forward to inform him what his standing in society was and further that he is not in the habit of putting vagrants into the Cage in which Livingston was placed, and it appears in evidence that there was no filth about the Cage in the morning.

Your Committee have thus recited all the important facts connected with the subject of the referrence to them forbearing to introduce a *detial* [detail] of the concurrent and discordant testimonies in the case.

In pursuing the subject your Committee have constantly kept in view the rights of a Citizen and the necessity of guarding against any assumption of power on the part of those who are appointed to act as the night police of our City. While at the same time they have had due regard to the importance of requiring proper respect from every member of community, towards those to whom we confide the care of our lives and property during the night

The subject has received from your Committee every attention that its importance demanded and the various and contradictory testimony has been duly considered—It appears in evidence that Livingston was not concerned in the disturbance which very properly induced the interference of Conklin, and the Watch, and indeed it is necessary to disperse a croud which at the hour of midnight disturbed the repose of our Citizens, but the remarks made by Livingston were highly improper calculated to encourage [22] opposition to a public Officer in the discharge of his duty; and to give countenance to class whose nightly orgies require that power should be placed in the hands of Watchmen to arest them in their encroachments on the wholesome rules of civilized society. If Citizens who bear the mark and character of Gentlemen are to be countenanced in assuming an attitude and using the Language of defiance to the nightly vigils of our peace what are we to expect from that rude class who riot at the midnight hour. Your committee are prepared to say that such a citizen should be taught the necessity of our statutes, by those to whom their execution is delegated. And this position brings them to the conclusion, that Conklin was justified in taking Livingston to the Watch House.

Your Committee are fully satisfied that Conklin acted with becoming moderation throughout this affair, And here it is proper to state that the deportment of Livingston after he was arrested was that of a gentleman acting in submission to delegated authority.

The act of confining Livingston within the Cage or suffering him to remain there under the circumstances recited by your committee is in their estimation indiscreet and censureable meriting reproof and authorising them to condemn the conduct of Conklin in that particular as worthy of punishment but the punishment however has already been anticipated by the penalty imposed upon him by the Court of Sessions, and by suspension from his Command of the City Watch, inflictions in the opinion of your Committee sufficiently expiatory of his offence.

[23] Your Committee after a careful investigation of the subject in all its bearings and viewing it as a matter of vast importance that the Common Council of this City should shew forth to the world that they will protect those whom they appoint to Office in the performance of their duty, and believeing that Conklin did not exceed his duty in taking Livingston to the Watch house and that his treatment towards him subsequently demands no further interferance on the part of the Common Council do come to the conclusion that he ought to be restored to office and cannot forbear expressing a hope that all good citizens may see how indiscreet and improper it is to menace those who are appointed to keep order during the night—Your Committee therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved that Azel Concklin be and hereby is restored to the command of the first district Watch

Respectfully submitted

Jameson Cox
P W Engs
Ab^{m} M Valentine
Jn^{o} R Peters

After considerable discussion the question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and adopting the Resolution the same was carried in the affirmative.

M^{r} Van Wyck from the Special Committee to whom was referred the draft of a Law relative to Assessments in the City of New York presented draft of a Bill to be presented for Enactment to the Legislature under the Title of an Act [24] relative to Assessments in the City of New York after some discussion it was moved to refer the

same to the Committe on Assessments—The question being taken thereon and a division having been called by Mr Van Wyck the members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Agnew Lamb Cox Taylor Davis Mr Bolton Lozier Coe Engs Pittman 11

Negative—Ald Cebra Gilford Reed Ostrander Rathbone Mr Mott Van Wyck Arcularius Peters Valentine 10

So it was carried in the affirmative and referred accordingly

The Market Committee on the Petition of Thomas W Stratton for Stall No 18 Washington Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Thomas W Stratton to receive the transfer of Stall No 18 Washington Market from the present occupant Charles Myers Junr who is willing to give up the same respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committee [25] the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and a Licence accordingly granted

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Signed Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Peter Waggoner for Stall No 18 Catherine Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Peter Waggoner for the transfer of Stall No 18 Catherine Market now in the possession of Ephraim B Blander who is willing to transfer the same respectfully Report

That in the *opornion* [opinion] of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and that a Licence be granted him for said stand.

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[26] The Ferry Committee to whom was referred several Petitions and Remonstrances on the subject of the Williamsburgh Ferry pre-

sented a report which was read and laid for further consideration—Alderman Agnew gave notice that he would call up the Report at the next meeting of the Board

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of E R Furman presented the following report in her favor as follows

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the annexed Petition of E R Furman Respectfully report—That shortly after the close of the War, the Corporation of this City being desirous of establishing some manufactory at the Penetentiary, of which the work could principally be done by children, and which would thus seperate the young from the old offenders, at the same time that it afforded a profit, determined upon establishing a manufactory of pins. During the war and subsequently no article bore a greater profit, and of consequence no manufacture could be established here with a more reasonable expectation of rivalling the European Manufacture—That shortly after the reduction in the price of European goods took place, and with it all prospect of rendering the establishment profitable; still however, as it tended to keep the Children employed there seperate from the hardened offenders it was kept up—In 1821 the late Mr Richard Furman the father of the petitioner, was induced to enter into the Scheme by the solicitation [27] of many Members of the Common Council of that year, who knowing his pe[r]fect acquaintance with the Works connected with the Alms House and Penetentiary, and his great industry and activity, and the interest he would take in the welfare of the Boys; and observing that Manufactures seemed to begin to succeed in this Country solicited him to take a contract for the Manufactory—This he accordingly did for two years from May 1821 agreeing to pay a stipulated price for the labour of the children there employed thus affording a neat profit to the Common Council. He entered upon his contract, extended the machinery, and increased the number of hands, with a fair prospect of success; but in a short time a reduction in price took place, and he found a very great quantity of imported pins thrown into the ma[r]ket, with a direct view to destroy this manufactory. This connected with the prejudice in favor of Foreign pins, tended still more to diminish the price, while from the nature of the establishment (those workmen whose period of punishment was out going away, and fresh hands being taken in their place), there was both waste and delay occasioned. He found too a great difficulty in obtaining the proper paper for sticking the pins, in the early part of the Contract. Still however, as he had invested nearly the whole of his small property in the concern, he struggled on until

his death in the early part of 1823, leaving the affairs of the establishment unsettled, when his daughter the petitioner, desirous of saving a fragment of his property for the family, and that her fathers character for meeting all his engagements might remain unsullied, took on herself the management, and has paid by collecting the debts and selling the stock on hand [28] $1500, of which was due by her Father to this Corporation But that early last winter the fever which broke out at that place, and continued till summer deprived her of her hands, and put an end to the work. Now, the House of Refuge receives all that class of Children formerly taken by her, and she consequently expects finally to close the concern on the 1st of May next. She at present owes $1200, to this Board, which is not for money advanced, but for what her father agreed to pay for the labour of the boys, who if not thus employed would have been supported in Idleness. The machinery belongs to the Estate; but it would sell for a very small sum and only pay a trifling proportion of this debt while if left to her, it may be the means of enabling her to commence some business for her own support, and that of a aged mother and two sisters, who are not in a situation to maintain themselves and who are very limited in their means—The late Mr Furman having sunk nearly all his property in this Manufactory—Your Committe would state another fact in relation to this Petitioner, which they consider as giving her request a strong claim to attention

The Petitioner had, by her own industry and frugality, accumulated the sum of $1300, which she had invested in Stock, when her father being in need of money to carry on this establishment she lent it to him and it has all been sunk with his own. With these facts before them your Committee are of opinion that Miss Furmans claim comes before this Board with great force and merit, and they think the prayer of the [29] Petitioner ought to be granted.

They therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions

I. Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner E R Furman be granted, and she be discharged of the claim of this Board against her.

II. Resolved that the Comptroller be, and he is hereby directed to balance the account of said Petitioner in his books accordingly

John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Finance Committee on the account of B & J Bunting for building Public Vaults reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed account of B & J Bunting—Respectfully Report

That the Messrs Buntings bill is for $1400, for building Vaults in the City Burying ground. The subject of building Vaults there was in the hands of the late Committee on Lands and Places with powers This Committee directed Mr Burtis to make an agreement for building these Vaults which he did with Messrs B & J Bunting. The vaults were completed some time ago and are faithfully done. The sum of $1400, was agreed upon as the price.

Your Committee think Messrs Buntings entitled to their [30] money they therefore Report the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of B & J Bunting for $1400, for building vaults in the new City Burying Ground

Respectfully submitted—

John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following The Chief Engineer in pursuance of the "Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires" which directs him annually to report to the Common Council the Amount of sums received by the Fire Department and the application thereof, transmits to the Board the accompanying account of the Treasurer of the Fire Department for the past year, by which will be seen the amount of monies received and the Expenditure thereof together with a statement of the Funds of the Department By this Account it appeared that there had been received for dividends on Stock, Fines, Sales of Certificates & Donations the sum of $4003.31 and there had been expended in relief to Widows of Firemen and in Incidental expences $3452.66 leaving a Balance of Cash in the Treasurers hands of $550.65 And that the Funds of the Department consisting of Shares of Bank and Insurance Stock amounted to $13339.$^{65}/_{100}$ Whereupon the same was ordered to be Filed

[31] The following persons were Appointed Firemen and the following Resignations were accepted upon the Report of the Chief Engineer.

Fire Engine Company

N° 1

Francis Joseph White Smith 63 Orange Street
V^c Jacob S Beekman—Resigned

N° 6

George Frost Cabinet maker 198 Washington St^r
V^c John W Lent—Resigned

N° 9

John Wheeler Cooper 76 Pump Street
V^e William D Swan—Resigned

N° 19

Charles Good—Baker 45 Mulberry Street—To fill the Company

N° 33

Francis E Thomas—Ship Carpenter—Cannon n North S^ts
V^c John Seaman—Time expired

Resignations

from Fire Hook & Ladder C° N° 1
John Bates—Resigned
from Fire Engine Company

No 28

George W Gaffit—Resigned
William Jones—Resigned
James Foster—Resigned

[32] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz^t

N° 1	N^l C Hart	Owner	N°	1	Allen Street	A privy
2.	S^l Purdy	do		31	do	do
3.	M Shultze	do		33	do	do
4.	E Furr	do		62	do	do
5.	W^m Slam	do		67	do	do
6.	E Briggs	do		68	Bayard Street	do
7.	W Mead	do		5	Bowery	do
8.	J M^cIntire	do		25	Chrystie Street	do
9.	H Flenders	Trustee		31	do	do
10.	W Rhinelander	Owner		55	do	do
11.	P Strang	do		57	do	do
12.	R Tollerton	do		63	do	do

13.	S Wheeler	Owner	75	Chrystie Street	A privy
14.	C Spicer	do	77	do	do
15.	L Lopez	do	95	do	do
16.	B Morris	do	95	do	do
17.	Rt Cochran	do	103	do	do
18.	do	do	105	do	do
19.	A McAdams	do	108	Division Street	do
20.	O Monroy	do	20	Eldridge Str	do
21.	J Bryant	do	52	do	do
22.	J Reemer	do	54	do	do
23.	G Ricard	do	1	Forsyth Street	do
24.	S Pontier	do	19	do	do
25.	[33] F Rampen	do	53	do	do
26.	D Gassner	do	67	do	do
27.	E Welch	do	75	do	do
28.	C Jordon	do	79	do	do
29.	E Hoyt	do	83	do	do
30.	Do	do	85	do	do
31.	Rt Gordon	do	178½	Fulton St	do
32.	Wm D Blackwell	do	37	Howard Street	do
33.	J Roosevelt	do	309	Pearl Street	do
34.	Wm Lorton	do	169	Water Street	do
35	J Burling	do	173	do	do
36.	C Warren	do	175	do	do
37.	F B Lynch	do	218	do	do
38.	J Bogart	do	233	do	do
39.	M Kneeland	do	235	do	do
40.	J Gardner	do	243	do	do
41.	Wm Donovan	do	247	do	do
42.	Js Lovet	do	260	William Street	do
43.	Do	do	262	do	do
44.	Hy Eckford	do		Cannon Street	A Lot
45	Cs Trinder	do		McDougal Street	do
46.	Dd Chrystie	do		do	do
47.	Rt Benson	do		do	do
48	P Valentine	do		Stanton & Eldridge Strs	do
49	Sl Purdy	do		Broome & Allen Sts	do
50	Js Owsens	do		Eldridge Street	do
51	N Gouverneurs Estate	do		Orchard Delancy & Ludlow Sts	do

Geo: Cuming City Inspector

[34] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed Vizt

For a Well and Pump in Bank Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets—And John Slidell Abm Le Foy and Henry Mead were Appointed Assessors.

Also for a Well and Pump in Charles near Asylum Street and Peter Stagg Oliver Drake and John Boyce were Appointed Assessors

The Report of the Street Committee on the subject of raising and repaving Rosevelt Street presented on 24th October last and laid on the Table was now called up and was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of paying for the building and repairing Public Cisterns, out of the Public Treasury be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Assessments—Which was agreed to and referred accordingly to the Committee on Assessments.

Alderman Ostrander presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Side Walks in Chrystie Street from Delancy to North Street be laid with Flagging and that the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect. Which was referred to the Street Committee

[35] Alderman Ostrander presented the following Resolution Resolved that the side walks in Eldridge Street from Grand to North Street be laid with Flagging and that the Street Commissioner be authorised to carry the same into effect—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Peters presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Committee on Assessments be requested to enquire into the conduct of Mr [Carroll M.] C[G]ahagan in regard to the Sale of Edward Classens House & Lot No 23 Cannon Street and also into any other Official conduct of said Cahagan as extra Collector of Arrearages and that said Committee report the result of their Investigation to this Bord as spedily as Convenient—Which was referred accordingly to the Committee on Assessments.

Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the Side walks in Arundel Street be laid with Flagging and that the Street Commissioner be directed to carry the same into effect—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Comptroller presented the Following Report

Balance as per Act 13th Inst.	29.32
Recd for Taxes 1825	8400.00
Rents	4423.79
	$12,853.11

61 Accounts Audited and ordered to be paid

[36] Capt Blauvelt—Watch	1	District		971.25
Hibbard & Clark	do	2d	"	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg	do	3d	"	750.75

Jacob P Roome	Superdt repairs		1 Qur	Salary	14 Inst.....	300.00
George Cuming	City Inspector		1 Qur	"	1 March...	200.00
Talman J Waters	Clerk Comptroller		1 Qur	"	24 Inst.....	200.00
C Myers	Keepers Pottersfield		1 Month	1 March....		63.00
Astin & Higbie	Messengers		"	"		56.00
O Ayres	Asst City Inspector		"	"		42.00
J Coffin	do		"	"		42.00
C Gillman	Keeper of Battery		"	"		28.00
A McCready	Keeper of Park		"	"		28.00
R. Jaques	Street Inspector	1st Ward	"	"		35.00
P Wright	do	2d	"	"		35.00
N B Lyon	do	4th	"	"		35.00
I A Isaacs	do	5th	"	"		35.00
J M Thomas	do	6th	"	"		35.00
B Fuller	do	7th	"	"		35.00
H Mott	do	9	22 days	to 1 Feb.....		27.50
D Hubbard	do	10	1 Month	1 March....		35.00
J Woodruff	do	11th	"	"		35.00
R Strong	making Jury list 5th Ward.....					100.00
Jas Seaman	—Inspecting Manure carted on Battery.....					19.14
Geo: Mills.	Inspecting Carts for Licences 11 days.....					19.25
D Dunscomb	Clerk renewing Cartmans Licences 11 days..					19.25
Otto L T Barberie	do	do	" ..			19.25
J Bremner	Clerk Catherine Market		1 Month	1 March....		56.00
[37] J Gilbert	do	3 Markets	"	"		51.00
G Duryea	do	Fulton "	"	"		41.67
I Asten	sweeper do	"	"	"		38.59
R Smith	Clerk	Franklin "	"	"		35.00
B Hicks	Assist Board of Health		"	"		42.00
J Pinckney	do		"	"		42.00
Gould & Banks	15 setts Laws of the State.....					352.50
Evening Post	Subscriptn 1 year 1 March 1826 & Advertisg in 1824					116.75
Prior & Dunning	28 Maps of the City.....					69.00
American	Subscript[i]on 6 Month 26th Inst.....					50.00
Mercantile	Advertiser Subscription 1 Qutr 1 Inst.....					25.00
P Burtsell & Son	Stationary for Clerk C C.....					23.87
John Rowlett	Tanners Maps North & South America & Case					19.00
C Brown	Stationary for Cartmans Licences &c.....					11.00
H Maxwell	Dist Attorney 1 Qur Salary 12th Inst.....					625.00
J Fleming	Treasur for Order of Court to pay Witnesses...					25.00
H Scovell	Justice 7. 10 Wards 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst.....					400.00
J Hays	for Officers extra Service Police 1 Qur 26 Inst....					260.75
J Hays	do conveying persons to City Prison 1 Qur 1 Inst..					154.50
J Hays	do " " Penetentiary 1 Qur 26 Int..					52.50

G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Month 1 March.....	735.35	
R Provoost repairing do " "	134.05	
Saml B Mersereau repairs Mud Scow.....	60.29	
H Smith actt reg & pav Bancke[r] St from Pike to Oliver St.....	400.00	
B McCafferty Actt reg Elizabeth St from Prince to Bleecker St	300.00	
Wm Gee posting bills 1 Qutr 1 Inst.....	30.25	
Estate Alexr Mooney repairing Intersections 4th Ward.....	45.00	
[38] Thos Parker Repairing culvert sewer Carmine Street.	39.25	
Mercantile Advertiser Adverts sales Assessments 21 Jan 1826	41.87	
J M Bradhurst return Costs Lot Mercer St—28 Decr 1825..	7.00	
R Pettigrew 1 payt well Bancker near Rutgers Street.....	52.00	
John Stanford Services at Belleview &c.....	500.00	
A Burtis Superdt Alms House for working Convicts.....	1000.00	
A Burtis do for Fever Hospital.....	3000.00	12,776.8[illegible]
	Balance	$76.2[illegible]

[39] In Common Council March 13th 1826

Present The Honobl Philip Hone Esquire Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Daniel E Dunscomb	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm Valentine
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition that the Side walks in Suffolk Street between Broome & Delancy Streets may be paved was read and Referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Assylum Street be extended South and that Fourth street be extended North to intersect [40] Assylum street which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Rhinelander for a remission of a personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Jacob Lorillard in relation to Water Grants to him tween Vestry and Watts Streets and requesting a reference to a ommittee was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of J Suydam and others against opening Sloat ane into Pearl Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jesse Cook was received stating that not Knowing e existence of the Law prohibiting the sale of Quails in the City om and after the 1st of March he had brought from Seneca County this state for sale in the City 1000 pair of Quails and praying he ay be permitted to dispose of them in this City—Whereupon Re-lved that permission be given to Petitioner to sell Quails in the City r 3 days immediatley succeeding this date.

A Remonstrance of Lewis Forman owner of 25 Lots bounded in ront on the Bowery on the North by 5th Street on the East by the econd Avenue and on the South by property of the Heirs of Mangle Linthorn remonstrating [41] against opening 4th Street was referred o the Street Committee

A Petition that the side Walks in Orchard Street from Stanton to North Street may be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Freeholders and others of 11th Ward that the part f North Street from Orchard Street to the East river may be regu-ated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition to regulate and pave Arundle Street between Stanton nd North Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that First Street from the First Avenue to North Street may be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Merchants Exchange Company Praying Garden Street may be regulated and paved from William Street to Exchange Street at their own expence under the direction of the Street Commissioner was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas D Carpenter for relief from a Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[42] A Petition of James W Hertell for Stall N° 33 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of David Wagstaff and others that 86th Street may be opened from the 5th to 8th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Henry Street may be regulated and paved from Rutgers Street to Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants of the 7th Ward against extending Gouverneur Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of William L Simers against opening Seventh Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of owners of Property in Mill Street praying that a new Sewer to convey the water from their premises into the Sewer in Broad Street may be constructed of permanent Materials the former one which was of wood having decayed—was read and referred to the Canal Committee with powers

A Petition that the Well opposite the House N° 46 [43] Pearl Street may be filled up forthwith was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Stephen Whitney and others that Moore-Front-Water & Pearl streets may be raised and repaved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Christopher and Hudson Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John B Coles stating his wish to purchase a part of Art Street which has been ceeded to the Corporation was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Isaac Adriance praying that the part of the old Boston Road extending from 125th Street North to Harlaem Bridge be closed as the same is no longer necessary as a Public Road which was referred to the Road Committee

A Petition from sundry owners of Pier at foot of Moore Street and others that the Pier may be further extended was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Remonstrance from the Williamsburgh Ferry Company against the report of the Ferry Committee on subject of the conduct of the Proprietors of said Ferry and [44] on the complaints against it was read and laid on the Table.

A Memorial of the Williamsburgh Road and Bridge Company was also presented stating that the prosperity of their Company was intimately connected with and very dependant upon the continuance of the Ferry at Williamsburgh and remonstrating against the removal of said Ferry which was read and laid on the Table

A Petition from the Steam Navigation Company for a Birth for Steam Boats at East side of Fulton Market was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Memorial was presented from Maturin Livingston requesting to

be informed whether a certain House in Attorney Street does not encroach upon the Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of Nicholas W Styvesant and others against opening 6th & 7th Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance from sundry Freeholders and others against extending Exchange Street to Pearl Street was read and Referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Elizabeth Street be opened [45] from Bayard to Chatham Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel Lyon for Lease of the House in Pottersfield was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of a number of Measurers of Grain complaining of a difference between the sealed Measures of the State and City Sealer was referred to the Board of Supervisors

A Petition of Mary Ann Stuart for relief from a penalty incurred by selling liquor without Licence to her she alledging that she hired the premises of a person who had a Licence and whc transferred it to her with an Assurance that such transfer gave her an authority to sell the same having been read was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from Patrick Duggin for compensation for Losses sustained by opening 6th Avenue was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Hudson and Charles Street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition that Burrows Street may be paved from Herring to Hudson Street was referred to the Street Committee

[46] A Petition of the residents in Jones Street in Greenwich Village praying said Street may be regulated and paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from William W Todd for relief respecting a Tax on his property at Bloomingdale formerly owned by Gerard De Peyster upon which Petitioner paid the Tax in 1824 but which is now demanded of him which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Joseph McKee for correction of an Error in an Assessment for the Sewer in Canal Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of William Eaton Agent and in behalf of the New York City Building stone & Marble mining Company praying for

Water Grants in front of Lots owned by them bounded Easterly by the 10th Avenue Northerly on 60th Street Westerly on Hudson River and Southerly on grounds belonging to Mrs Stakes—The same being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Directors of the Steam Boat John Marshall which is intended to run daily between this City and Norwalk for permission for said Boat to lie at the West side of Catherine Slip was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

[47] A Petition that King Street may be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition was also presented for paving King street from McDougal street also for a Well and Pump at the South West corner of the Church and that a sufficient number of Lamps may be placed in said street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward

A Petition of Nathaniel Rhodes for permission to remove a house on Trucks from Crosby to Rivington street

And a petition from Stephen B Mann to remove a small Office was read and laid on the table

A Petition of David Pullis for a Cartmans Licence for his son John Pullis a Minor was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition that Clarkson street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets may be paved was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of owners and lessees of property in Roosevelt Street praying said street may be raised so that the water may be carried on the surface of the Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Commerce Street [48] may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from sundry Petitioners was received stating that during the last season they had presented a Petition that a Pier or Basin might be constructed at the foot of Christopher Street and the Petitioners now beg the Common Council to take up the consideration of the said request which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of George W Murray praying the Corporation to remunerate him for a Well sunk in Broadway between 9th & 10th Streets which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition that a Pier may be constructed at the foot of Warren Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the City of New York praying for the establishment of a new South Ferry to Long

Island agreeably to a former Petition presented on the subject was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A simular Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Kings County was referred to the same Committee.

A Resolution of the Public School Society was [49] laid before the Board as follows—"Resolved March 3d 1826 that the Public school "society are ready to convey their School Edifices & Real estate to "the Corporation of the City upon such terms as shall be agreed "upon whenever the Corporation desire such Conveyance" Which being read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thompson Price for payment of Balance due to him for building Public Cisterns was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William W Shirley that a Bow window erected at his House No 325 Broadway may be permitted to remain was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition that the Horse Market may be removed to 25th Street between 3d & 4th Avenues near the Bulls Head was referred to the Police Committee

The Mayor laid before the Board a Plan for the improvement of the Park Ground which was referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

He also laid before the Board the Copy of an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relative to improvements in the City of New York" passed 25th February 1826 which was directed to be published in the Gazettes employed by the Board

[50] The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward on the several Petitions for Wells and Pumps at intersection of Charles & Factory and Amos & Factory streets reported in favor as follows

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Whittemore and others praying that Wells may be dug and Pumps erected therein near the intersections of Charles & Factory Street and of Amos and Factory Street—Report that Wells are much required at those places and accordingly submit the following resolutions

Resolved that a Well be dug and a Pump erected therein in Charles Street near Factory Street

Resolved that a Well be dug and a Pump erected therein in Amos Street near Factory Street

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate and pave McDougall Street from 4th to 6th Street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Harris and others to have McDougall Street regulated and paved from Fourth Street to Sixth Street, report that after having had the same advertised and no objections offered thereto [51] they are of opinion the same ought to be carried into effect and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that McDougall Street be regulated and paved from Fourth street to Sixth street and the Side walks thereof Gravelled

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave Bancker Street from Grand to Walnut Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ira B Wheeler and others to have Bancker Street paved from Walnut Street to Grand Street—Report that they have caused the same to be advertised and no objections having been offered the[y] submit their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that Banker Street be regulated and paved from Walnut Street to Grand Street and the side Walks thereof laid with bricks or flaggs

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
Wm S Coe
Signed C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[52] The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate and Pave Wooster Street from 4th Street to the late Art Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for the regulating and paving Wooster Street from Fourth Street to Art Street—Report that in their opinion that Street ought to be paved and as no objections have been offered thereto after having been advertised they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Wooster street be regulated and paved from Fourth Street to the late Art Street

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of John Dougherty praying that the Stoop and Sidewalk at his House No 119 Banker Street may remain as they now are reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Dougherty praying that the Stoop and Side Walk to his house No 119 Banker Street may remain as now laid—Report that the Petitioner has extended his Stoop too far into the [53] *into the* Street and laid his Side walk contrary to the Ordinance of this Board—Your Committee are of the opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate and Pave Bond Street from Broadway to the Bowery reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of T L Smith and others to have Bond Street regulated and paved from Broadway to the Bowery—Report that after having the same advertised for objections (if any there were) and as none have been offered they offer their opinion that it ought to be done, and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Bond Street be regulated and Paved and the side walks flagged from [54] *from* Broadway to the Bowery

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Road Committee to whom was referred a Petition for Completeing the 8th Avenue reported in favor as follows

The Road Committee to whom a Petition of the Landholders for completeing the 8th Avenue was heretofore referred—Report that in their opinion the Common Council are pledged by a Contract made in the year 1817 to work the said Avenue—And as a large Amount is Charged and will probably be required to graduate and complete the said Avenue they beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the sum of Three thousand Dollars be and it is hereby appropriated under the direction of the Road Committee towards completeing the 8th Avenue

William A Davis
Matth Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[55] The Battery Committee to whom was referred to enquire into the expediency of inclosing that Public walk with a substantial Iron Railing presented the following Report

The Battery Committee to whom it was referred to inquire into the expediency of inclosing that Public Walk with a substantial Iron Railing Respectfully Report

That they have examined the Fence which now encloses the Battery and have no hesitation in saying that the same ought to be replaced with a New one, as the present fence is old and decayed.

The walk under Consideration is much resorted to and is in a public part of the City and the Committee think that the Fence enclosing it ought to be made in a substantial and at the same time Ornamental manner. And they are of the Opinion that a substantial Iron railing would in the end be the most economical they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the Battery Committee be authorised to Contract for an Iron railing to inclose the Battery, the same to be constructed under the direction of said Committee

John Yates Cebra
Samel Gilford Jr
Henry Arcularius
Wm P Rathbone
John Lozier

The Question having been taken on agreeing to the [56] Report of the Committee and a division having been called by Mr Engs the Members Voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford White Agnew Lamb Reed Cox Dunscomb Taylor Rathbone Davis Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Arcularius Lozier Coe Peters Pittman 20

Negative Ald Ostrander Hitchcock Engs Valentine 4

So it was carried in the Affirmative and the Resolution was adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Cornelius Ray for a Water Grant reported in his favour as follows

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the application of Cornelius Ray Esquire for a Water Grant beg leave respectfully Report

That they have had the subject under Consideration and see no objection to the granting the prayer of the Petitioner for a Water right as owner of a Lot of Ground fronting on Front Street to the East of and near Walnut Street to the line of South street and therefore submit the following [57] Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board be directed to make out a Water Grant accordingly for Cornelius Ray upon the usual Conditions subject to the usual rent in such Cases

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Thos Bolton
John Agnew
Mth Reed
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Law Committee to whom was referred a Resolution to consider of the expediency of repealing the 19th Section of the Law relative to the appointing of a City Inspector presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom a Resolution was referred to inquire into the expediency of repealing the 19th Section of a Law for the appointing of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties and to provide for the Security of the Public Health Respectfully Report that in their opinion it would be expedient to alter and amend the aforesaid 19th Section and that the objects thereof may be attained without the employment of a City Surveyor—The Committe have therefore

prepared the draft of an Ordinance which they recommend to [58] the consideration of the Common Council

P. C. Van Wyck
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Law reported by them was passed under the title of "a Law to amend the 19th Section of the Law entitled a Law for the appointment of a City Inspector and prescribing his duties and to provide for the Security of the Public Health

The Market Committee on the Petition of William Shelton to have the sum of $66, refunded to him being the amount paid by him on account of the Purchase of Stall No 4 Essex Market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of William Shelton for the return of his money Ten per Cent paid to the Collector on the purchase Money of Stall No 4 Essex Market on the 6th day of February past

Respectfully Report that said stand was purchased at auction for $660 Dollars by William Degraw in whose employ the petitioner had for a long time been Mr Degraw having since that time Deceased the Petitioner loosing that friend is unable to comply with the term of Sale And in the opinion of your Committee the prayer is a reasonable one and ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following

[59] Resolved that the said Sixty six dollars be refunded to the purchaser or his Legal representative

Mth Reed
John Hitchcock
Wm M Valentine
John Yates Cebra
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition of William Austin for a Stall in Greenwich Market reported in his favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Austin for A vacant stand in the Greenwich Market respectfully Report

That the Petitioner is a regular Honest sober and Industrious Man and a Butcher by profession

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted—And that he have a Licence granted.

Mth Reed
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine
John Yates Cebra
D E Dunscomb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

*[61] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition for extending the Pier of Duane Street Basin reported in favor as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of persons owning property and others in the Vicinity of Duane Street Basin praying that the Piers of said Basin may be extended

Respectfully Report

That an Ordinance some time since passed the Common Council directing that West Street should be made and continued across Duane Street Basin this when done will cause a reduction in the Area of said Basin of at least Thirty Thousand square feet and as this is the only public Basin between Washington Market and Spring Street Basin and as Duane Street Basin has been long established and is scarcely sufficient with its present extent to accommodate the numerous Vessels that resort to it, and as the trade of this part of the City is rapidly increasing by Mercantile establishments forming on West Reed and Jay Streets, it becomes necessary that the Accommodations for Vessels should be increased instead of diminished at this place

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Pier on the Southerly side of Duane Street Basin ought to be extended into Hudson River One hundred feet and that a Block and Bridge ought to be built on the North side of said Pier at right Angles with the end thereof when so extended and that the present block [62] and Bridge forming an Ell near the end of said Pier ought to be taken up—From the information which your Committee have been able to obtain they estimate the Cost of this Improvement at Seven thousand five hundred dollars—Your Committee propose for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Pier at the Southerly side of Duane Street Basin be extended from the present termination thereof One hundred feet into Hudson River and that a Block and Bridge be built on the North

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

side thereof at Right angles with the end of the same when so extended and that the present block and bridge forming an Ell near the end of said Pier be taken up and that the same be done under the direction of the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips and the Street Commissioner

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
John Hitchcock
Mth Reed
Signed Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition of Edward Byrne James Sands and William Depew for Office of Measures of Grain reported as follows

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Edward Byrne [63] James Sands and William Depew to be appointed Measurers of Grain

Report that [they] have made particular enquiry concerning the Character and abilities of the above petitioners and believe them well qualified to discharge the duties of said Office They therefore recommend them to be appointed to fill the Vacancies of A Frazer and John Langdon removed from the City and John Cox resigned

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Whereupon it was Resolved that Edward Byrne James Sands and William Depew be and each of them are hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain for the City of New York

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition of Charles Shaw for Office of City Surveyor reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Charles B Shaw to be appointed City Surveyor

Report that they have made particular enquiry concerning his character and Abilities and find him every way qualified

[64] They therefore recommend him as a suitable person to be appointed to that Office

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Whereupon it was Resolved that Charles B Shaw be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom was referred the several Petitions on subject of the Military square or Parade Ground presented a Report which was laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

The Mayor laid before the Board a Report made to the Senate of the State on 6th March 1826 by the Committee on Finance of the Senate relative to the Funds and Income of the Sailors Snug Harbour which was referred to the Mayor Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee

The Committee on Police on the Petition of Jacob Weaver for remission of penalty under the Ordinance in relation to Public Docks and Slips reported in his favor as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the petion of Jacob Weaver praying to be released from a penalty of Twenty five Dollars incurred for a violation of the Ordinance relative to Public Slips and Docks [65] Reported that they have examined the matter contained in the said Petition and that the said penalty be remitted upon payment of Costs

All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
Wm A Davis
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the Petition of John Whalley for relief from Penalty under Pawnbrokers Law reported in favor as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Whalley praying to be relieved from a Fine incurred for dealing in second hand Articles

Respectfully Report

That they have reason to believe that he was ignorant of the necessity of taking out Licence that immediately after he was prosecuted he confessed Judgment and applied for a Licence which he obtained

That it does not appear that the Petitioner had any intention of violating the Laws but complied without delay in every matter as far forth as he was able to entitle him to indulgance

Your Committee therefore think that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be [66] granted upon payment of Costs

John Yates Cebra
Wm A Davis
P C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the Petition of Thomas Wymbs for relief from Penalty under Pawnbrokers Law reported against Petitioner as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Wymbs praying the remission [of] a fine incurred for carrying on the business of buying and selling second hand articles Respectfully Report

That the Committee have examined the facts applicable to this case and find that the said petitioner has carried on the above mentioned business in the City of New York for a number of years without Licence That after he was prosecuted he employed Counsel to defend the suit called a Jury to try the Cause and resisted the right of recovery upon the ground that the law was unconstitutional and a verdict was found against him for Fifty dollars and Costs—The Committee therefore under the above circumstances are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted

John Yates Cebra
Wm A Davis
Pierre C Van Wyck
Signed Wm S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[67] The Police Committee on the Petition of William Ludlum for releif from fine under Sunday Law reported in favor as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Ludlum praying that a fine may be remitted incurred for selling liquor on Sunday and which has been paid by him to the Attorney of the Board Respectfully Report that upon enquiry it appears that the Petitioner keeps a Boarding house and Tavern for the Accommodation of Travellers, that he does not keep a Grocery or store of any kind but a regular Inn

That his house is situate the Corner of Washington and Albany streets and calculated for the Accomodation of Strange[r]s of a temporary residence

Your Committee are induced to believe from the manner that the Petitioners house is conducted and the general character of its visitors, although in strictness he is liable under the Law, that there would be no impropriety in remitting his fine, and are of opinion that the prayer of his petition ought to be granted upon payment of Costs

John Yates Cebra
Wm A Davis
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the Remonstrance against the present location of the Horse Market [68] presented a report which was read and after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee

The Police Committee on the Petition of Christian Buhler for relief from Penalty under Pawnbrokers Law reported against Petitioner as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Christian Buhler praying for the remission of a penalty incurred for selling second hand clothes without License—Report that they have taken into consideration the matter set forth in said Petition and that the prayer of said petitioner ought not to be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred a Law Relative to the Registers Office in the City of New York presented the following report together with a Memorial to the Legislature and the Draft of a Law corresponding therewith entitled "an Act to alter the compensation of the Register in and for the City and County of New York" the Report was in the following words

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred an Act relative to [69] the Register's Office in the City of New York with instructions to report a tariff of Fees—Respectfully Report

Your Committee consider that the Tariff of fees that ought to be hereafter allowed, is that which the law allows to the Clerks of Counties; viz 12 Cents per folio of 128 Words for Recording and 6 cents per folio for Copying (Laws 41 Session page 282 § 10

leaving the fees for searches as they are now charged by Clerks of Counties viz 12½ Cents for the first year and three Cents for every other year. And thus placing the Register of the City on the same footing with the Clerks of Counties

Considering the probable amount of the income of the Register perhaps a greater reduction in his fees might be made but your Committee have not deemed it necessary to do more than to recommend that he be placed on the same footing with Clerks of Counties, which they believe will still leave the Registers Office one of very considerable emolument

Your Committee have accordingly prepared the enclosed Memorial to the Legislature on the subject and the Law accompanying the same to which they refer for further information as to their views; and they respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel engross the said Memorial and Law and that the same be executed during the recess of the Board and forwarded to the Legislature

All which is respectfully Submitted

Signed Wm W Mott Thos Bolton Anthony Lamb

[70] The Question being taken thereon the Report of the Committee was approved and the Mayor was directed in the recess of the Board to authenticate the said Memorial and Law and to transmit them to the Legislature

Alderman Taylor then rose and gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the Vote given

His Honor the Mayor stated that from the express direction given to him by the vote of the Board in relation to the authenticitation of the Memorial and Law he should consider himself bound notwithstanding the Notice of Reconsideration, to authenticate the Papers and transmit them to the Legislature at Albany—It was urged by Alderman Taylor and other Members of the Board that the effect of the Notice under the 18th Rule was, agreeably to the invariable practice of the Board to suspend all proceedings on the subject until the next Meeting of the Board

The Mayor exp[r]essed a wish that the opinion of the Board might be taken on the effect of that Rule

The question was therefore taken thereon and it was stated that such members as coincided with the opinion of the Mayor would be in the Affirmative and that those who considered such a notice as

having the effect to suspend all proceedings in relation to the subject would be in the Negative The Ayes and Noes having been called the Members voted as follows

[71] Affirmative Ald Lamb Reed Dunscomb Ostrander Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Engs Valentine 9

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford White Agnew Cox Taylor Rathbone Mr Bolton Mott Lozier Peters Pittman 13

So it passed in the Negative

Mr Engs then moved that when the Board adjourn they adjourn to meet tomorrow afternoon at 5 oClock A Division having been called the members voted as follows

Affirmative Ald Lamb Reed Dunscomb Ostrander Rathbone Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock [72] Arcularius Engs Peters Valentine Pittman 12

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford White Agnew Cox Taylor Mr Bolton Mott Lozier 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act 27 Febuary	76.28
Recd for Tax of 1825	28.400.
" " Streets	11.250.
" " Rents	1.792.90
" " Arrears of Tax	991.86
" " Police Office fees	625.48
" " Fire Department	500.
" " Tavren Licences	240.
" " Cartmans Licences	212.62
" " Tax 9th Ward old Act	175.
" " Police Office sales	111.49
" " Clerk of Sessions fees	96.03
" " District Attorneys fees	69.19
	$44.540.85

27 Accounts Audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1 District	971.25
Hibbard & Clark " 2d "	775.25
[73] Bleakly & Stagg " 3d "	750.75
Jas S Martin Street Inspector 3d Ward 42 days to 1 Inst	52.50
R Graves Street Comr for repairs Battery & Park	400.00
J Morton Clerk C C for postage & Hack hire	16.65
L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst	71.67
P Ammerman do 3 Markets "	46.50
N Comstock—20 Casks Oil	955.20
Wm Brown 14 Casks Oil	646.97
O M Lownds Sheriff for 5 Officers attending Circuit Court 59 days each	368.75

J Fleming Treasurer Order of Court to pay Witnesses....	10.00	
A Leggett Work Mud Scow to 12 Inst.....	180.43	
H Smith Acct reg & pav Banker Street from Pike to Oliver Street	1000.00	
J Pinckerton Actt reg & pav Chamber Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street.....	500.00	
J Culbert Actt reg & pav Duane Street from Broadway to Hudson Street	130.00	
Estate Thos Fairchild—Inspecting paving Streets in full...	333.37	
P Stagg C Dunn Jr J McComb Commissrs opening Ridge & Attorney Streets from Division to Broome St	342.69	
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court charges do do	114.96	
H Smith repavg Catherine Market & Intersections 4th & 7th Wards	166.34	
C Mooney repairing Intersections 3. 5. 6 Wards.....	31.00	
John T Boyd return Costs 4 Lots Wooster Street 28 December 1825	7.00	
[74] J. Gallagher Jr bal Well White Street near Orange St.	46.12	
B & J Bunting building Vaults in New City Burrying Ground	1400.00	
A Burtis Superdt Alms House.....	5000.00	
J Fleming Treasr for a Bond 16 Feb 1825 amt advanced of taxes for 1824 from Incorporated Companies.....	12.000.00	
Mechanics Bank for 2 Bonds 7 Octr 1825..... 18.000.00		
Interest from 1 Janry 2 Mo 13 a 6 pr Ct..... 219.00		
	18.219.00	44.536.4
	Balance	$4.4

The Board adjourned to meet tomorrow at 5 OClock

[75] Special Meeting

In Common Council March 14. 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P Waite	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Daniel E Dunscomb	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition from John L Norton for relief from a Tax laid on his property called the Hermitage was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Remonstrance of William Phelan against opening 5th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[76] A Petition of Thomas Cummings for payment of Balance due him for paving Arden Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Rector Wardens and Vestry of St James Church was received stating that when the grounds called Hamilton Square were laid out a Street of 60 feet was reserved—That the ground appropriated by the Corporation to Petitioners for the Church was bounded by the said Street 60 feet wide and Petitioners in order that the Church may not be incommoded by buildings which may hereafter be erected on the street pray that the Corporation will grant to them in fee the dimensions of said Street as far as the bounds of the Church extends which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Henry Lynch for relief from an excessive personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition that West Street may be completed agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council passed March 28th 1825 was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips and the Ferry Committee

A Petition of the Fulton Steam Boat Company for repairing the Floats at Fulton Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

[77] A Petition from a Committee of the Trustees of the African Free School Society in Mulberry Street to be relieved from an Assessments for building the Sewer in Canal Street was read and referred to the Committe on Assessments

A Petition of William Burns for relief from Personal Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Abraham King Collector of 3d Ward for an encreased allowance for his services was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Alderman Cox presented a Communication stating that the Pier on the Easterly side of Catherine Slip was in a decayed state and also containing a Notice to owners of Water Lots to unite with the Corporation in building a Pier on the outside of said block &c which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the 11th Ward praying that

hogs may be prohibited from running at Large in said Ward was referred to the Police Committee

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleaning the streets together with the Communication of his Honor the Mayor relative [78] thereto presented a Report which was read after some considerable discussion Mr Bolton presented the following Resolution—Resolved that this Board will abandon the Contract system for cleaning streets and removing the filth therefrom and that this Corporation will take the same under their own immediate charge at the expiration of the present contract.

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative—Mr Van Wyck then presented a Resolution directing the Special committee to incorporate in a Law for the removal of Filth and dirt from the Streets a Provision to procure a sufficient number of Boats which he afterwards withdrew—Alderman Ostrander then presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the Special Committee who have had under consideration the subject of cleaning the streets be authorised to purchase a sufficient number of Horses and Carts not exceeding Forty for the purpose of removing the Street Manure—The question being taken on adopting the same it was carried in the affirmative—Alderman Dunscomb then presented the following—Resolved that the sweeping of the Streets be done by the Corporation of this City—The Question being taken thereon and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Ald White Agnew Cox Ostrander Rathbone Davis [79] Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Lozier Engs Pittman Schieffelin 16

Affirmative Mr Cebra Gilford Reed Dunscomb Taylor Coe Peters 7

So it passed in the Negative—It was then Resolved that the report and the whole subject be referred back to the Special Committee to report a Law in conformity with the Resolutions adopted, and that the Law to be by them reported be in print.

The Police Committee on the Petitions of David Pulis and of James Beckwith for Licence as Cartmen presented Reports which were read and referred to the Counsel with instructions to Report whether a Bond with Security can be given which will render the Sureties liable for the engagements of such Minors in dealing with the Public

The Comptroller presented the following respecting an Alphebetical list of Jurors.

In conformity with an Ordinance of the Common Council relating to Jurors passed May 4 1825 the Comptroller has made an Alphebetical list of the Jurors in the City and deposited the same with the Clerk of the City and County—He commenced the business on receiving the returns from the Assessors and left the List with the Clerk on the 10th of December

[80] In consequence of the Assessors of the 5th Ward not having ascertained the Jurors—The person appointed to take the List of that Ward Completed it on the 11th February last, and the Alphabetical return was made to the Clerks Office on the 11th Inst

The whole number of Jurors is 5170

Respectfully submitted

March 13. 1826 G N Bleecker Comptroller

Which was directed to be filed

The Comptroller presented the following on the Account of the Street Commissioner as Overseer of Roads, which was directed to be filed

The Account of R Graves Overseer of Roads from 1 January 1825 to 25 February 1826 certified by the Chairman of the Road Committee on Vouchers produced to him—Has been examined by the Comptroller who finds a balance due to the Corporation on that day of $2.83 which is carried to new Account

Respectfully Submitted

March 13. 1826 G N Bleecker Comptroller

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed—Viz[t]

To Paving Banker Street from Walnut to Grand Street and Abraham Dally Cornelius M[c]Lean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

[81] Also for Regulating and Paving Wooster street from Fourth Street to Art Street and John Tout David Lyon and Carey Dunn were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Amos Street near Factory Street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin Junior and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Factory Street and Francis Peckwell Carey Dunn and John M[c]Kesson were appointed Assessors

Also for Paving Bond Street and Thomas R Smith Samuel Purdy and Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

Also for Regulating and Paving McDougall Street from 4th to 6th Street and John Targee John W Wyman and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

Also for building a Common Sewer in Mill street and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

Also for laying Cross Walks in the 10th Ward and John Targee John W Wyman and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

[82] The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each viz

For a Well and Pump in Henry Street between Montgomery and Gouverneur Streets

Also for Regulating Water Street from Pike to Rutgers Street and setting the Curb and flagging the side Walks.

Also for laying the Side walks of Delancy Street between the Bowery and the East River

Also for regulating and paving the 6th Avenue from Carmine Street to near 5th Street

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of C Mooney for further time to complete his contract for regulating Mott Street reported in his favor as follows

which was approved

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Charles Mooney the Contractor for regulating Mott street between Prince & Bleecker Streets setting forth that on account of bodily Indisposition he has been unable to fulfill the terms of his Contract, and solicits that further time may be given him or that he may be exonerated therefrom—Respectfully reports that under the circumstances of the Case, thinks it would be [83] advisable to grant the Petitioner further time to Complete the work, on condition that he shall renew his Bond with sufficient sureties for the performance thereof

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves Street Comr

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of the Location of Pumps and stating the inconveniences arising from locating them in the centre of the Intersection of the Streets—Which was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings in relation to the opening of Cliff Street of Sixth street and on closing Art Street and Greenwich Lane which was referred to the Street Committee

The Petition of John B Coles laid for consideration at the last Meeting was called up and referred to the Street Committee.

The Finance Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of John R Rogers and it was referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel presented for execution the following Leases for property belonging to the Corporation

[84] The Counsel respectfully submits for execution the following Leases of property belonging to the Corporation

1. A Lease to Leonard Fisher of Lot N° 269 William Street for 21 years from 1st May next at the Rent of $120,

2. A Lease to Leonard Fisher of Lot N° 267 William Street for 21 years from *to* 1st May next at the Rent of $130.

3. A Lease to Joshua Thurston of Lot N° 259 William Street for 21 years from 1st May next at the Rent of $150

4. A Lease to Hannah Fowler of Lot N° 261 William Street for 21 years from 1 May next at the Rent of $150

5. A Lease to George C Burras of Lot N° 265 William Street for 21 years from 1 May next at the Rent of $250

These Leases have been prepared according to directions from the Comptroller, who received his instructions as to the terms and Conditions from the Finance Committee

Respectfully Submitted

March 10—1826 M Ulshoeffer

The Following were appointed Fire wardens and Firemen upon the Report of the Chief Engineer

Fire Engine Company

N° 2

Samuel Johnston Baker 5 Chrystie Street

Vc Wm H Weeks—Resigned

N° 4

Monnis Garretson Cabinet Maker 42 Beekman Street

Vc John W Lamson Resigned

[85] N° 14

David Redfield—Taylor 138 Washington Street
V^c John Earl—Resigned

Hiram Pierson Hatter 80 Vesey Street
V^c Thomas Francis Resigned

William Wallace—Cabinet Maker 342 Pearl Street
V^c Barnard Colman Resigned

Concklin Titus—Pocket book Maker
C Frankfort & William Streets V Edward G Billington Resigned

N° 26

William Morgan—Brass Founder 145 Harman Street
V^c Benjamin Sands—Appointed Warden

William Brown Rigger 163 Banker Street
V^c William Harris—Time expired

William Christian—Brass founder 20 Pike Street
V^c Luke Covert—Resigned

N° 32

Jeremiah Welch—Sash Maker 120 Allen Street
V^c William Brown Resigned

N° 34

John Duryee Mason Bedford Street V^c Nicholas Pullis Resigned

Jacob A Roome Carpenter Bedford Street
V^c Jacob A Powlis—Resigned

N° 36

Smith F Edgar—Grocer, Cr Varrick & Spring Street
V^c Albert Berdan Resigned

[86] N° 37

Simon Debow—Carpenter Orange Cor Pump
V^c George A Dewitt—Resigned

N° 41

Ebenezer Mattison Tanner 56 Suffolk Street
V^c George A Lake—left the City

Fire Hook & Ladder Company

No 2

Derick Dow—Carpenter Cor John & Gold Street
V^c John Shaddle—Resigned

No 4

Joseph Ransom Cooper 29 Oak Street
Vc John Banta—Expelled for Misconduct
John Brower—Resigned
James Hall Resigned
Philip Smith—Resigned

Fire Warde[n]s 1st Ward

Thomas Wheeler Grocer 76 Rosevelt Street
Vc Peter Thompson—Time of service expired

11th Ward

Jacob J Doremus Smith 4 Rivington Street—
Vc Peter Powell—Declined serving

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances

No 1.	[87] A Fisher	Owner		Allen Street	A privy
2.	J McKay	Do	8	Catherine Lane	do
3.	E Clark	do	9	do	do
4.	M McIntire	do	10	do	do
5.	Rt Stoddart	do	11	do	do
6.	do	do	21	do	do
7.	E Clark	do	23	do	do
8.	J Wymbs	do	26	do	do
9.	A Newell	Lessee	73	Cherry Street	do
10.	J Henry	Owner	34	Cross "	do
11.	J *Kettelen* [Catlin]	Do	28	Chrystie "	do
12.	Rd Grimm	Lessee	58	do	do
13.	C *Hisbane* [Lisbon]	owner	80	do	do
14.	C Anderson	do	86	do	do
15.	Rt Bush	Lessee	96	do	do
16.	J Townsend	Owner	227	Division Street	do
17.	J Hilton	Lessee	229	Do	do
18.	H Rober[t]son	Owner	23	Eldridge Street	do
19.	J Varian	Do	21	do	do
20.	D *Hanier* [Hainer]	do	32	Forsyth Street	do
21.	B Mooney	do	40	do	do
22.	J Jones	do	74	Front Street	do
23.	Bn Bailey	do	134	Greenwich Street	do
24.	M Adams	Lessee	200	Harman Street	do
25.	J Shirley	do	204	do	do
26.	P Kelland	do	81	Henry Street	do

27.	E Hoffman	Owner	132	Hester Street	A privy
28.	G Higgins	do	35	Jay Street	do
[88]29.	P Morris	Lessee	11	Jefferson Street	do
30.	Wm Tallmadge	Owner	51	John Street	do
31.	J Grivet	do	40	Pump Street	do
32.	J Zabriskie	do	53	do	do
33.	J McTuthill	Agent	54	do	do
34.	J Sutton	Owner	55	do	do
35.	M Dixon	do	56	do	do
36.	S Clark	do	59	do	do
37.	A Fick	do	70	do	do
38.	M Wheeler	do	72	do	do
39.	G Armstrong	do	Cor	Rutgers & Bancker Street	do
40.	Wm Dawes	do	No	121 Spring Street	do
41.	P. Griffen	do	124	Water Street	do
42	J R Livingston	do		Elizabeth Street	A Lot
43	do	do		Mott Street	do
44.	B Sherwood	do	86	Forsyth Street	do
45.	J Renwick	do		Renwick Street	do
46	J Beekman	do	170	Bancker Street	do
47	do	do	158	do	do
48	G Lovett	do		Mercer Street	do
49	Asa Hall	do		do	do
50	M Livingston	do		Stanton & Ridge	do
51	J Innes	do		Bleecker Street	do
52.	J Brantingham	do		do	do
53	Wm J Cantelo	do		Broadway	do
54	Wm Wood	do		Pitt & Stanton	do
55	Chs W Sandford	do		Downing Street	do
56	J Ludby	Occupt	23	Bancker Street	do
57	[89] C Gwyer	Owner		Spring Street	do
58	E Herring	Administrator		Broadway	do
59.	M Skillman	Owner	No	2 Allen Street	A privy
60.	P & G Lorillard	do	73	Pump Street	do
61	C P White	do	5	Wall Street	do
62.	E W Walgrove	do	6	do	do

George Cumming
City Inspector

The Report of the Ferry Committee on the subject of the Williamsburgh Ferry was on Motion of Alderman Agnew called up and referred to the Ferry Committee

The remonstrance of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company and the Memorial of the Williamsburgh Road and Bridge Company which was on 13th laid for consideration were now called up and referred to the Ferry Committee

Alderman Agnew then presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Remonstrance and Petitions of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company together *will* [with] the existing documents in the possession of the Common Council on the said Subject be referred back to the Ferry Committee with instructions to give all the parties Interested notice that they will be heard by Counsel or otherwise before said Committee and that they report to this Board as early as practicable

[90] Mr Lozier presented the following which was referred to the Street Commissioner to report the probable expence

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to furnish this Board with Maps and Drawings of all the City Property with such remarks and explanations as may be considered necessary—The whole bound up in the form of Atlas—And that each Member of this Board be furnished with a printed description or Key to such Atlas

Mr Lozier presented the following which was referred to the Law Committee with powers

Resolved that all Laws and Ordinances passed by this Board since the last provision be printed in pamphlet form for the use of its members and that all Laws and Ordinances Passed hereafter be printed in like form until otherwise directed

Alderman Cox presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Cherry Street be repaved and Cross walks laid from Catherine Market to Pelham Street.

Mr Van Wyck presented the following which was referred to the Canal Committee

Resolved that so much of the Report of the Commissioners appointed under the Act to provide for the permanent Regulation of Certain Streets in the City of New York passed April 10. 1823 as relates to the Location and [91] construction of Canal sewers and Water Courses be referred to the Canal Committee with Instructions to enquire and report their opinion on the different plans suggested in the said Commissioners Report.

Alderman Cox presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that side and Cross walks be laid in Harman Street from Rutgers to Grand Street and on the South side of Grand Street from Harman Street to the East River

The following was presented and referred to the Ferry Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Ferries to enquire how far John C Stevens and Robert L Stevens Lessees of the Ferry at or near Canal Street have complied with the Covenants contained in their Leases from the Corporation and report at the next Meeting of the Board

The following presented by Mr Valentine was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the side Walks to be laid on the Northerly side of Grand Street between Arundle and Cannon Streets

Mr Hitchcock presented the following which was adopted—

Resolved that the Comptroller be [92] requested to Communicate to the Common Council at their next Meeting "the several expences at present incurred by the Corporation which might readily be dispensed with without public Inconvenience

Mr Hitchcock presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller be requested at the next Meeting of the Common Council to offer his opinion wherein an alteration can take place in the manner of appropriating the funds that the public may not be subject to a protracted burden of debt and consequent increase of Tax

Mr Pittman presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the Side Walks in Forsyth Street be paved with flagging or brick from Rivington to North Street

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Counsel to prepare and report an Ordinance therefor

Resolved that the 1st Section of a "Law respecting Weights and Measures" be and hereby is so amended as to apply to Measures and Scale Beams used in the purchasing of any Article

[93] The Recorder presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Committee be added to the Street Commissioner with a view to fix the t[r]ue line of Attorney Street, on the subject of the Honbl Maturin Livingstons petition referred at the last meeting of this Board

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Law Committee

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare such an amendment to the 67th Section of "an Act to reduce several Laws relating to the City of New York into one Act" That the

Master Owner or Consignees of Vessels shall be subject to a penalty of dollars for every 25 lbs powder on board such Vessel in violation of the provisions of that section

Alderman Cebra presented a Resolution further to amend the Law respecting Hackney Carriages which was referred to the Police Committee to report an Ordinance including the proposed amendment.

A Member stating that he had confidential bussiness to Communicate the lobby was cleared and the Doors closed

A Letter was rec^{d} from the Collectors of the several Wards stating that they in all human probability [94] *they* will not be able to return their Tax books at the time specified in their warrants requesting that instructions may be given to the Chamberlain of the City to extend the final return to some future period—Which was referred to the Finance Committee

[95] Special Meeting In Common Counsel March 21st 1826

Present The Honb^{l} Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Gideon Ostrander	John Lozier
William P Rathbone	William S Coe
William A Davis	Philip W Engs
	John R Peters
	Ab^{m} M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Counsel presented the following Report

The Counsel respectfully Reports that the second section of the annexed Law relative to improvements in the City of New York, has been discovered to contain a mistake that requires correction—It makes Tompkins [96] street between Grand and 23^{d} Streets the exterior street, whereas it ought merely to have extended from Rivington to 23^{d} Street inasmuch as East Street is the outer Street from Grand to Rivington Streets—In order that application may be made to the Legislature forthwith, for the correction of this error, t

Counsel has prepared and respectfully submits for the consideration of the Board, the enclosed Memorial & Law, in order that, if approved by the Board, their Authenticitation may be directed, in the usual manner Respectfully submitted

March 21. 1826 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Memorial to the Legislature and the Amendment to the Law prescribed were approved and directed to be duly authenticated

The Mayor informed the Board that he had called this Meeting at the request of Two of the Members of the Common Council who stated they had some confidential bussiness to Communicate

A Member stating he had confidential bussiness to communicate the Doors were closed

Mr Bolton then rose and stated that he wished to bring the subject that was discussed at the meeting on the 20th January last with closed doors before the Board to know what progress had been made therein —(respecting purchasing the State Prison)

The Mayor stated that agreeably to the direction of the Board he had written a confidential Letter to Elisha W King of the House of Assembly on the 20th January and had also written again [97] on the 16th of this Month on this subject but as yet had received no reply to either letter

The following Resolutions were then presented and approved

Resolved that the Committee on the Jail and Bridewell be instructed to visit the State Prison and report their opinion as to its value & the expediency of purchasing it

And also to report an estimate of the expence of constructing a Public Building for that purpose on some of the land owned by the Corporation and generally their opinion of the expediency and propriety of the measure

[98] Special Meeting In Common Council March 23d 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thos Bolton
Campbell P White	Wm W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Wm P. Rathbone	William S Coe
Wm A Davis	Philip W Engs
	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Doors Closed

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated this meeting had been called at the request of the Committee appointed at the last Meeting on the subject of the purchase of the State prison

Alderman White moved that the injunction of secrecy respecting the bussiness of last evening be removed—After some discussion he withdrew the motion

[99] His Honor the Mayor read to the Board the Letter which by their direction he had written to Mr Sherman

Which being read was approved

The Committee on Jail and Bridewell presented the following report

The Committee on the Jail & Bridewell to whom was referred a Resolution of the Board with instructions to visit the State Prison, and report their opinion as to its value and the expediency of purchasing And also to report an estimate of the expence of constructing a public building which might answer the purpose of a Debtors Gaol Bridewell and Penitentiary on some of the lands owned by the Corporation and generally their opinion of the expediency and propriety of the measure —Respectfully Report

that in compliance with the instructions of the Board they have visited the State Prison and have examined it sufficiently to form a tolerably correct estimate of its value The Main Building is in excellent condition, perfectly substantial and so constructed as to be eas converted to all the purposes of a Debtors Gaol, a Bridewell & F

tentiary It would furnish secure prisons for every description of prisoners, together with convenient apartments for the seperation of the respective classes. It would also [100] *also* afford sufficient accommodation for the Keepers and their families; and the work shops with the fixtures, machines, tools instruments and working apparatus of various Kinds (all which could be included in the main purchase) would be an acquisition of immense importance to the Common Council, and facilitate all the arrangements in applying the labor of the convicts and vagrants to useful & profitable objects. In the opinion of the Committee the value of the grounds and buildings exceed $100.000 and the Committee consider it highly important to the interests of the City that the Corporation should become possessed of it— The Committee have been informed from what the[y] consider good authority that the expence of erecting the Buildings was $280.000 and the extent of the grounds and wharf about six acres—The Committee have not been able to make out & furnish in detail an Estimate of the expence of erecting a new building which should answer the purpose of a Goal Bridewell & Penitentiary, but as far as they have been able to obtain information, the result of their opinion is, that a sum not less than $100,000 would be required for that purpose exclusive of the value of the land on which it was erected. The peculiar manner in which a substantial and safe prison ought to be constructed vastly enhances the expence of such erections—The Committee do not know of any land owned by the Corporation which would be an eligible Site for such a building as is Contemplated in the Resolution & they also apprehend great difficulty in finding such a situation, at any Convenient distance from the City Hall, & which could be obtained at any reasonable price—The Committee consider the opinion of the Board as settled, that some new arrangement must be made as to the location of the Debtors Goal & the Bridewell; and with respect to the penitentiary the[y] consider it highly desirable that [101] it should be removed at a greater distance from the Alms House not only to avoid the danger of any Malignant disease infecting two such crowded Establishments at the same time, but also for the purpose of affording moore room & greater facilities in obtaining labour from the convicts & vagrants in the Penitentiary—In this point of view the importance of the work shops of the State Prison has already been adverted to. Although the Penitentiary may for the present & perhaps a few years longer answer our purpose, yet the time is not far distant, when it will become over crowded, & some new Regulation must be adopted. No reasonable hope can be entertained that the number of tenants in the Penitentiary

will not keep pace with the ratio of our population—Upon the whole the Committee are of opinion, that it would be expedient and proper to purchase the State Prison upon such terms as it can be obtained from the State—And therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution—Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed with instructions to repair to Albany and on behalf of this Corporation to purchase the State Prison in this City upon such reasonable terms as the Committee shall think advisable, and as can be obtained from the Legislature or their Agents duly authorized

M^th^ Reed
Anthony Lamb
P. C Van Wyck

The Question being divided and taken first on the Report & afterwards on the Resolution the former was approved and the latter adopted—His Honor the Mayor appointed on that Committee Alderman Reed, Lamb, and M^r^ Van Wyck

[102] The Committee on the Jail & Bridewell presented the following Report

The Committee on Jail & Bridewell to whom was referred the subject of removing the Free School N° 1 Respectfully report that your Committee have had one conferrence with a Committee from the Trustees—Since which they have received a Communication which is herewith annexed—Which communication your Committee request may be read and then respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that this Board will appoint Two Appraisors to meet with Two Appraisors appointed on the part of the Free School Society as referees—To designate what allowance ought to be made by the Corporation to the Free School Society for the Surrendering the Lease of Free School house N° 1

M^th^ Reed
Anthony Lamb
P. C Van Wyck

The Communication from the Free School was as follows

Whereas the Corporation of the City of New York with distinguished liberality did on the 8^th^ day of August 1808 convey to the Free School Society the ground on which School N° 1 now stands in order as expressed in the deed of Conveyance to promote the benevolent objects of the Society and upon the Condition that they should occupy the premises for the purposes of their Institution and should also educate gratuitously the Children belonging to the City Alms House

[103] And whereas sundry public Spirited Individuals for the like purpose made liberal donations to the Society to the Amount of about Ten Thousand dollars which together with about Eight thousand dollars out of the other funds of the Institution were expended in fitting up the before mentioned premises and adapting the same to the purposes of Education

Therefore Resolved, that this Society however much as individuals they may feel disposed to aid in the highly useful public improvements contemplated by the Honorable the Corporation, would not be faithfully discharging the trust reposed in them, were they to relinquish the property in question without receiving in return accommodations for the purposes of Public instruction of equal value to those relinquished

Resolved that the diffusion of general elementary education is, in this City an object of paramount importance and we confidently believe, that an additional tax, (should any be necessary) would be most cheerfully paid by the Citizens for that purpose

Resolved therefore that in the opinion of this Board five indifferent appraisers ought to be appointed on the part of the Honorable the Corporation, and of the Public School Society, to value the property in Question, and to designate subject of course to ratification, the equivalent to be furnished by the Corporation for the proposed relinquishment

Resolved that the Vice President be requested to address a Letter to the Committee appointed by the Honorable the Corporation stating the views of the Public School Society [104] on this subject and enclosing a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

Whereup[on] the report was approved and the Resolution was adopted—And it was Resolved that the said Committee have power and authority to appoint Two Referees on the part of this Board to meet with the Referees appointed on the part of the Free School Society for the purpose in said Resolution mentioned

His Honor the Mayor made a communication on the subject of Catherine Lane which had been presented as a nuisance the Title to which he stated would be obtained—He presented a deduction of Title which had been furnished to him by Judge Benson which was referred to the Street Committee

The Doors were then opened

Mr Lozier presented the following which was Adopted Resolved that all persons wishing to obtain or renew their Tavern Licences for Retailing Spirituous Liquors for the ensuing year be required to make application at the Mayors Office on or before the 17th day of April

ext and that the Mayor cause it to be published in all the daily papers
this City—With a notice that printed Forms of application will be
rnished Gratis at his Office

A Memorial on the subject of the Horse Market recommending it
be removed to the junction of the Fifth [105] Avenue and 13th
treet which was referred to the Police Committee

[106] In Common Council March 27th 1826

Present—The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor Present
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox	Henry Arcularius
Jacob B Taylor	John Lozier
Gideon Ostrander	William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone	Philip W Engs
Wm A Davis	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Approved

Petitions of H Somerndyck W H Nicoll John Wilson & William Crowbridge for Office of Deputy Keeper in Penetentiary were read and laid on the Table—They were afterward called up and acted on

A Petition for the Improvement by paving or otherwise of the Bowery and 3d Avenue from Jones to Stuyvesant Street was presented and referred to the Street Committee

[107] A Petition for opening the 5th Avenue from 13th Street to Bloomingdale road was presented and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Adam Duncan for relief from a personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition that Water Street be raised and repaved between Old Slip & Conties Slip was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition recommending the Location of the Horse Market at the Corner of East Bank and 13th Street was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Joseph F Bridges for Office of City Surveyor was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of the Principals of the New York High School for relief from a Tax on the School house in Crossby Street was referred to the Committee on Assessment.

A Petition of Thomas Brown for renewal of his Licence as a Measurer of Lumber was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A further Petition of John Van Derlyn praying an extension of his Lease of the ground on which the Rotunda is built was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Revd Merrit H Smith for relief from a Personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

[113] A Petition of George Gilmore & David Falconer for Office of Inspector of Hackney Carriages were read and laid on the Table

A Petition of William Hawley Junr for relief from a personal Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Nicholas Fish and others Remonstrating against the Petitions for regulating and paving First Street from the First Avenue to its Junction with North Street and for regulating North Street from Orchard Street to the East River which was read and Referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial from several Citizens of the State Venders of Hay complaining of the Conduct of the Hay Cartmen in this City and praying that an Inspector of Hay may be appointed was read & referred to the Police Committee

A Petition from sundry owners of Lots in the vicinity of the improvement praying that the following Streets be regulated and paved Viz Hudson from Hammond to 100 feet North of Bank Street Greenwich from Hammond to Bank Street And Bank Street from Assylum to the North River was referred to the Street Committee

[114] A Petition that Amos Street in the Ninth Ward may be paved was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Robert Crommelin for relief from Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had been served with a Subp[oe]nea out of Chancery at the suit of the Globe Insurance Company wherein the Corporation and others were Defendants The intent of the suit was to foreclose a Mortgage given by Mary Hillyer & others on a Lot in the First Ward Bounded Northerly by Front Street by Land of John Moore Decd Southerly by South Street and Westerly by land now owned by John Johnson Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel to enter his Appearance and Defend the Suit

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Attorney Street near Division

Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Rappleyea & Dyckman Street Contractors for relief from fines incurred was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Daniel Winship to be relieved from a fine incurred for not filling in a Lot was referred to the Police Committee

[115] A Petition to pave the side walks in Ludlow Street from Grand to Stanton Streets was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of owners of Lots on the East River against the Ordinance lately passed directing a Street or Wharf to *me* [be] made to be called South Street between the Westerly line of the Water Lots granted to John Youle and the Easterly line of the Lots granted to Thomas & John Ga[r]dner on the East River requesting to be heard before a Committee of the Board on the subject which was read and Referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Thomas Stagg that a small gore of Land in Cliff Street in the rear of the Lot of Mr Hendrickson may be sold to him was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Assessment for opening Cliff Street & 6th Street and closing Art Street and part of Greenwich Lane reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from the Counsel to the Board that the Estimates and Assessments for opening Cliff street for opening Sixth street, and closing Art street and part of Greenwich Lane had severally been confirmed [116] by the Supreme Court—Report that in their opinion Cliff street ought to be directed to be opened on the first of May and the buildings thereon removed by the 1st day of June next And that Sixth street should be opened on the first day of April next and that a Collector be appointed to each accordingly they submit the following resolutions

Resolved that Cliff street be opened on the 1st day of May next and the Buildings thereon removed on the 1st day of June thereafter.

Resolved that Sixth street be opened from Broadway to Christopher Street

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted. And Noah Jarvis appointed Collector on Cliff street and Morris De Camp on Sixth Street

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting pumps in the Centre of the Streets presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the Location of Wells & Pumps in the Carriage ways and intersections of the Streets of this City Report, that [117] they have duly considered the subject are of the opinion that pumps placed in Carriage ways are dangerous and ought to be removed they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that all Wells and Pumps located in the Carriage ways of the Streets be removed therefrom and fixed at such suitable place in the vicinity thereof as may be directed by the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward in which such well & Pump shall be required to be so removed

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board prepare a draft of an Ordinance embracing the Objects embraced in the foregoing resolution

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Charles near Hudson Street presented the following Report

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Hudson Street Report that in their opinion [118] the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and as no objections have been offered thereto, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street near Hudson street presented the following report

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street near Hudson Street Report that a Well and Pump is much wanted in that vicinity and as no objections have been offered thereto they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[119] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Wm Eaton for a Water Grant at Bloomingdale reported as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Eaton beg leave most respectfully to report—That the Petitioner is Agent for the New York City Building stone and Marble Mining Company who are the owners of certain Lots of ground bounded on the 10th Avenue Easterly on the middle of 60th Street Northerly on the Hudson River Westerly and on 58th Street and on lands of Mrs Stakes Southerly and that they are desirous of procureing as Proprietors of said Lots the Water rights which are usually granted by the Common Council.

Your Committee have had the subject under Consideration and see no objection to granting the prayer of the Petitioner and therefore submit the following Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved the Counsel for the Board be directed to make out a Water Grant for the owners of said Lots on the Hudson River with the usual conditions and covenants, and subject to the payment of such rent as is required by the Common Council in simular cases

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[120] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Thompson Price for payment of money due to him for building Public Cisterns reported in his favor as follows

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Petition of Thompson Price beg leave most respectfully to Report—That the Petitioner has been employed under the direction of the Street Commissioner in the erection of Public Cisterns in various parts of the City and for which services he remains unpaid in consequence as your Committe are informed of the very unexpected delay which has occurred in the appointment of Assessors and Collectors in the several instances referred to—Your Committee exceedingly regret this disappointment to the reasonable expectations of the Petitioner and which they consider a hardship that could not have been anticipated when the work was commenced

Your Committee would not feel themselves authorised to depart from the usual mode of proceeding in such cases and entirely disclaiming the right to draw this into a precedent for the future they are disposed from the peculiar circumstances of the Petitioner to afford a partial relief and therefore submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his warrant for Two thousand five hundred dollars in favor of Thomson Price on Account of the Public Cisterns which he has erected for the Corporation. All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[121] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Collectors of Taxes for an extension of the time to collect in the Taxes reported against the same as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the within Petition of several of the Collectors of Taxes praying for an extension of the time for the return of their tax books—That [by] the second section of the Act of the 6th April 1825 entitled "An Act respecting the Collection of Taxes in the City of New York," it is provided that the Warrants of the Collectors shall direct them "to collect the several sums therein mentioned according to Law, and to pay the same to the Chamberlain or Treasurer of the City on or before the 1st day of April thereafter or at such shorter periods as the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened shall or may

appoint or require," That the Warrants of the present Collectors require them to pay over the money by the longest day allowed by Law being the first day of April, That the Common Council have no authority to extend or alter the Warrants; and that the Collectors being all under Bonds for the faithfull discharge of their duties according to Law, any neglect or violation of the provisions of the Law would exonerate and discharge the Sureties

That at all events this Common Council have no legal authority, to interfere in any way whatsoever in the matter submitted to them by the Petitioners, and therefore the Committee are under the necessity of offering the following Resolution

[122] Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Canal Committee on Petition for Sewer in Mill street reported in favor as follows

The Committee on Canals to whom was referred the petition of Henry Carey and others for a sewer in Mill street respectfully report

That on examination of said street they found the Cellars to have stagnant water in them the wooden drain decayed so as to be useless and in their opinion the preservation of health in the neighbourhood requiring that the prayer of the Petitioners should be immediately granted.

The passage of an Ordinance having been obtained by vigilance of your Street Commissioner at the same Session on which the Petition referred to your Committee was received, in consequence of the urgency of the case we are now enabled to report that the sewer is nearly completed and the nuisance may be considered as remedied

Respectfully submitted

P W Engs
Jn° R Peters
W^m P Rathbone
Henry Arcularius

Which Report was accepted

[123] The Committee on Arts and Sciences on the Petition of the Lyceum of Natural History for an extension of the Lease of the

Room occupied by them and for permission to occupy the Room lately occupied by Mr Griscom reported in favor as follows

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Petition of the Society, The Lyceum of Natural History, praying an extension of the lease of the rooms occupied by them in the Alms House beg leave to report

That your Committee taking into consideration that this Society have voluntarily and gratuitously expended considerable time and expence in promoting the Arts. That they have imparted the benefits of their labours to the public without requiring or asking any remuneration from their visitors beleive them entitled to the favor of this Corporation your Committee can see no objection to granting their request and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution—Resolved that the Society of the Lyceum of Natural History be permitted to use the room at present in their possession and the one formerly used by Mr Griscom until other wise directed by this Corporation. All which is respectfully submitted

Henry Arcularius
John Lozier

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[124] The Comptroller agreeably to the Resolutions of the Board on the 14th Inst respecting the suggestions in his Annual Report that several expences at present incurred might be safely dispensed with and that a mode of appropriating the Funds might be devised which would not subject the City to a protracted burden of debt and an encrease of Taxes presented a Report which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Comptroller presented an Account of John W Wyman late Clerk of the Oyer and Terminer &c in which he claims interest on the amount of the Account for services from the time they were rendered until the present time amounting to $4854,64 which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred a Resolution to present to the Board a general statement of the Watch Department presented the following report which being read the consideration was postponed and the report directed to be printed

The Counsel presented a Report on the subject of a Grant of a Water Lot to Henry Overing some modification in the Grant being necessary as Christopher Street has lately been directed to be opened through Mr Overings premises which having been read was referred to the Street Committee

[125] The Counsel to whom was referred the Report of the Police Committee on the Petition of John Pulis & James Beckwith Minors for Cartmans Licence presented the following report & an ordinance conformably thereto The Report was as follows

The Counsel respectfully reports on the within reports of the Police Committee (relating to the Petitions of David Pulis and James Beckwith minors for Cartmens Licences) which were referred to the Counsel with instructions to report if a Bond with sureties can be given which will render the sureties liable for the engagements of such Minors in dealings with the public.

The Counsel *having* [has] examined and considered the question submitted and is of opinion that the Mayor by the Charter (page 76-7) has unqualified power to licence Cartmen, that the licensing of a Minor is legal, especially if authorised by a Law of the Common Council. By the English law, a minor cannot be appointed to an office in any way connected with the administration of Justice, but may be to such as require only skill and diligence, as park keepers foresters &c. And this distinction the Counsel thinks would be maintained by our Courts, even if the employment of a minor to Act as a Cartman would be considered as authorised by the Charter, as well as justified under the authority of a by-Law of the Common Council—A by-law authorising the appointment of minors upon giving Bonds, was [126] passed on the 4th June 1810 and continued until the 16th February 1824 when it was repealed. Its validity was doubtless maintained as well upon the ground of the general power of the Common Council to pass all Laws which they should consider for the benefit of the Citizens (charter 62-3) as upon the unqualified authority of the Mayor to licence Cartmen

If the appointment of a Minor is valid, the Bond taken as security for his good conduct is as operative and legal as any bond for the good behaviour of an apprentice or servant, or for the faithful conduct of any officer of the Board

One of the original Bonds taken on licensing a Minor is enclosed herein by which it seems that a surety gave a Bond to the Corporation in the penalty of $250, Conditioned that whereas a Minor (naming him) has been licensed by the Mayor to drive a Cart, pursuant to the Law of the Corporation. Now therefore, in compliance with the requisitions of the said Law in regard to security in such cases, the condition of the above obligation is such, that if the said Minor shall be of good behavior as such cartman, and shall pay all such damages as may be sustained by any person or persons who shall employ the said Minor

in the Capacity of such Cartman, then the said obligation to be void otherwise to be in full force

The condition however respects merely the conduct of such Minor as a Cartman, and does [127] not relate to his private engagements or dealings. If therefore, a Minor thus licensed should plead Infancy to a private debt contracted by him after the date of his Licence, it would not be a Breach of such Bond; nor does the Counsel believe that a condition to the Bond could be prescribed by the Board relating to the mere non performance by the Minor of his private engagements and dealings with Individuals—As trustees for the public, under the authority of a by Law the Corporation may take a Bond of security against the official mis-conduct of any person appointed to any Municipal office or place in the Corporation but not a Bond of security relating to his private engagements and transactions in business with Individuals

If under these circumstances, the Board should be of opinion that Minors ought to be licensed and a Bond taken the following clause is recommended to be passed

A Law to amend a Law in relation to Licensing Cartmen. Passed March 27 1826

Be it ordained by the Mayor Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Concil convened—That hereafter Licences may be granted by the Mayor to Minors as cartmen; and that whenever the Mayor shall grant a Licence as a Cartman to a Minor, he shall take a Bond in the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars from a good and sufficient surety, to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, [128] conditioned that if such Minor shall not be of good behaviour as a cartman, and pay such damages as may be sustained by any person or persons employing such Minor in his capacity as carman, then said security shall pay the said sum of Two hundred & fifty Dollars, which said sum shall not be considered as a penalty, but as liquidated damages. Provided however that no such minor shall be licensed by the Mayor unless on the recommendation of the Common Council, nor shall such minor be licensed if an alien

All which is respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Law was passed under the Title of a Law to amend the Law, in relation to licensing Cartmen

The Counsel who had be[en] directed to report an Ordinai amendatory of the first section of the Law respecting Weights a Measures to apply to Measures & Scale Beams used in the Purch of Articles presented the draft of a Law which was read and refer back to him for revisal

The Counsel presented for execution two Leases to Benjar Hilton—The one for the term of one year for Lot corner of Chath Street and Tryon Row—Also for the Term of seven years for I on Chatham Street between the Lot leased to Elbert Anderson a that Leased to [129] [William Mooney] which were directed to duly executed

Also Lease to Leonard Fisher for Lot N° 267 William Street 21 years & N° 269 William Street for the same time which w directed to be duly executed

The following were appointed Firemen & the Resignations accep upon the Report of the Chief Engineer

Fire Engine Company

N° 4

Harold Geer Carpenter 44 Broad street

V^c^ Alexander S Miller Resigr
Augustine J Battin dc
James L Wallace dc
Joseph B Weeden dc

N° 36

Jacob J Mabie Baker 50 Thompson Street

V^c^ William Bracelet Resigr

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for buildin Public Cistern in Grand street in front of Essex Market which v confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for building Public Cisterns Allen Street in Front of the Methodist Meeting house which v confirmed and [130] Morris De Camp Appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for building Public Ciste in Broadway and in Houston Street in Front of S^t^ Thomas Chu which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for building a public Cistern Mott street in front of Free School N° 5 which was confirmed a Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for building Public Cisterns Grand Street an[d] on Mercer Street in front of the Associate Pres

terian Church which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Minetto Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

He also presented an Ordinance for paving Hudson street from Christopher to Hammond Street which was passed and Peter Stagg Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street near Hudson street [131] which was passed and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were Appointed Assessors

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Hudson street which was passed and John Slidell Abm Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

He also presented an abstract from the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening Pearl street at Conties Lane and also for opening Slote lane in order that a Collector may be appointed to each the Board having directed them to be carried into effect on the first day of April next Whereupon Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for each

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Nine different Assessments whereupon Warrants were directed to Issue upon Eight of them to Morris De Camp to Collect the same—The Return of Delinquents on an Ass[ess]ment for a Well and Pump in Willet Street was referred to the Committee on Assessments

The City Inspector presented ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No	1	[132] Rt Sharp	owner	No	9.	Anthony Street	A privy
	2.	E Elmendorf	do		39	do	do
	3.	S Rich	do		41	do	do
	4.	T Palmer	do		45	do	do
	5.	S Marks	do		55	do	do
	6.	Nl Onten	do		59	do	do
	7.	R Morris	do		69	do	do
	8.	E Billington	do	No	4	Chapel Street	do
	9.	do	do		6	do	do
	10.	Stewart Elder	do		13	do	do
	11.	do	do		15	do	do
	12.	do	do		23	do	do
	13.	S Paret	do		25	do	do
	14.	J Stephens Junr	do		33	do	do
	15.	Do	do		35	do	do

16.	S Lozier	owner	61	Chapel Street	A privy
17.	W Ruckle	do	63	do	do
18.	Do	do	65	do	do
19.	S Brown	do	71	do	do
20.	S Bogert	do	73	do	do
21.	Do	do	75	do	do
22.	do	do	77	do	do
23.	P Martin	do	78	do	do
24.	Rd Kidney	do	79	do	do
25.	Do	do	81	do	do
26.	A & M Bloodgood	do	94	do.	do
27.	F Haines	do	96	do	do
28	M Brown	do	97	do	do
29	[133] M Limberger	do	99	do	do
30.	E Elmendorf	do	105½	do	do
31.	J F Popham	do	108	do	do
32.	M Baxter	do	110	do	do
33.	Do	do	112	do	do
34.	Do	do	114	do	do
35.	J Norris	do	133	do	do
36.	W & G Post	do	134	do	do
37.	M Mercereau	do	135	do	do
38.	Cs Mowatt	do	136	do	do
39.	G Miller	do	139	do	do
40.	M Hunt	Lessee	141½	do	do
41.	M Russell	Owner	143	do	do
42.	J Stiles	do	150	do	do
43.	J Mors	do	157	do	do
44.	M A Russell	do	158	do	do
45.	J Mors	do	159	do	do
46.	J Youmans	do	168	do	do
47.	F Childs	do	170	do	do
48.	J Mors	do	171	do	do
49.	Do	do	173	do	do
50.	do	do	175	do	do
51.	A Moore	do	182	do	do
52.	Cs W Sandford	do	190	do	do
53.	do	do	192	do	do
54.	J Hatfield	do	196	do	do
55.	Do	do		Chapel C York	do
56.	A Moore	do		Do Do	do
57.	[134] A Judson	do	6	Eldridge Street	do
58.	A Devoe	do	45	Green Street	do
59.	C Bleakley	do	168	Greenwich street	do
60.	M Demarest	do	13	Leonard Street	do
61.	E Dixon	do	23	do	do
62.	H Scott	do	27	do	do
63.	J Winnick	do	31	do	do
64.	M Sullivan	do	37	do	do

65.	J W Cathwell	Owner	49 Leonard Street	A privy
66.	J C Vanaulen	do	51 do	do
67.	G Furman	do	Rivington Street	do
68.	E Billington	do	34 Robinson Street	do
69.	M Babcock	do	200 Spring Do	do
70.	A Arden	do	202 do	do
71.	A L Stewart	do	36 Thompson Street	do
72.	Wm Beers	do	40 do	do
73.	do	do	36 do	do
74.	Sl Cornish	do	5 Varick street	do
75.	P Schermerhorn	do	2 Walker do	do
76.	Rt McCrea	do	196 Washington Street	do
77.	J Hilton	do	54 Chatham do	do
78.	Pr Vanarsdale	do	49 Mott do	do
79.	J Hilton	do	56 Chatham do	do
80.	Rt Bogardus	do	Little Water Street	A Lot
81.	J Ridgeway	Occupt	do	Do
82.	J C Vanden[he]uvel	Owner	No 75 Essex Street	Do
83.	Dd S Jones	Do	Minetto Street	do
84.	Ths Jones	Do	Do	do
85.	[135] Js Jarvis	do	Sullivan Street	do
86.	Chs McEvers	do	Elizabeth Street	do
87.	G Dominick	Occupt	Eldridge Street	do

Respectfully submitted

George Cuming City Inspector

Alderman Agnew presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that when this Board Adjourns it stands adjourned to meet on Monday 3d April and that the report of the Special Committee on the subject of Cleaning the Streets be made the order of the day and that Immediately after the passage of the Law the Common Council will proceed forthwith to the appointment of the proper Officers to carry said Law into effect and that all applications for Offices under said Law now pending be referred to the Special Committee of which Alderman Reed is Chairman to report thereon this day a week

Mr Valentine presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee—Resolved that Ridge street between Rivington & Delancy streets be regulated and paved and that the Street Commissioner be directed to carry the same into effect

Alderman Cox presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee—Resolved that the side Walks in Bancker Street be paved between Pike & Oliver Streets

[136] Mr Valentine presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee—Resolved the Street Commissioner cause the side walks to be laid in the following Streets Vizt

In Goereck Street from Grand to Rivington Streets
Lewis street from Grand to Rivington Streets
Cannon Street from Grand to Rivington streets
Columbia Street from Grand to Rivington Streets
Pitt street from Grand to Rivington street & Broome Street on the Northerly side from Arundle to the East river

Mr Engs presented the following which was agreed to—Resolved that the Mayor be authorised to issue Licences to drive a Cart to James Beckwith and John Pullis on their giving the security required by the Ordinance of this Corporation on the subject passed this day

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Law Committee

Whereas this Common Council are informed that Daniel E Dunscomb Alderman of the Eighth Ward has removed from this City with intent not to return And whereas it is expedient that the said Ward should not be deprived of its full representation in this Board, nor of the services of a Magistrate necessary for the due regulation of its extensive concerns therefore it is Resolved that the seat of the said Daniel E Dunscomb is vacated and that in conformity to the provisions in the Charter of this City an election should be had in the said Ward for a Member to supply his place

[137] Mr Arcularius presented the following which was referred to the Water Committee

Resolved that the Standing Committee on Water be instructed to enquire wether water of the best Quality and in quantity sufficient to supply the wants of this City cannot [be obtained] from Wells now sunk or to be sunk on Harlaem Heights. That the Committee report to this Board information the result of their enquiry and examination on this subject and their opinion in relation to the same

Mr Schieffelin presented the following—Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to report upon the propriety of allowing to the Keeper of the City Prison the fees receiv*ing*[ed] by him officially in addition to his Salary to take effect from the 1st day of February last

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Grand Street from Mulberry to Orange street be repaved under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Alderman Rathbone presented the following Resolved that it be

referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire whether an Alteration can be made in the rooms occupied for Offices in this Hall so as to give greater accommodation to the Street Commissioner

[138] The Report of the Committee on Lands and Places on the subject of the place reserved on the Commissioners Map as the Military Parade was called up and read Mr Schieffelin rose and stated that being personally interested in part of the Land to be taken for said Public Parade he begged he might be excused now and at all times when the subject may be discussed from voting on the question—The question being taken on acceding to Mr Schieffelins request it was carried in the Affirmative After some discussion on the Report of the Committee the further consideration thereof was postponed.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a Communication from Mr Woodruff Keeper of the Penitentiary informing of the death of Joseph Tyson one of the Deputy Keepers and that he considered it important that his place should be supplied It was then moved that the Board now proceed to ballot for a person to fill the Vacancy which was agreed to. The names of the several candidates for the Office and their recommendations were read and the Board then proceeded to Ballot and upon counting the Ballots it appeared that William H Nicoll was elected—When it was Resolved that William H Nicoll be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper in the Penitentiary in the place of Joseph Tyson Decd

[139]] The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Actt 13th Inst	4.45
Recd for Taxes 1825	23.100.
Streets	10.050.
Rents	3.006.50
Justices Courts	684.63
Fines &c of Sheriff	385.06
Fines &c of Attorney	311.18
Mayoralty Fees	133.25
City Prison Fees	114.75
Wells & Pumps	120.00
	37.909.82

29 Accounts audited & ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch 1st Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark " 2d "	775.25
Bleakley & Stagg " 3d "	750.75
Wm L Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qur 22d Inst	250.
Abm Leggett work mud Scow 12 days to 26 Inst	164.66
Commercial Advertiser Advertist 6 Months 10 Inst	50.00

Sears for Amt recovered by Oliver Morse Vs Cor-		
tion for refreshments to Jury & Costs.....	438.92	
ith Actt reg & flag Water Street from Catherine [to]		
Street	700.00	
es Act reg & pav Attorney Street from Broome to		
ton St.....	250.00	
nson J Towt & P Stagg Commissrs fees & expences		
on a New Street 7 Ward b Scammel & Walnut	154.00	
hoeffer Counsel fees & Court charges do do	392.41	
ith Actt reg & pav Essex St from Delancy to Riv-		
on	140.	
bert Actt reg & pav Duane St from Broadway to		
son St.....	150.	
C Mooney bal reg & pav Pearl Street from Frankfort		
hk	151.42	
kerton Act reg pav Chamber St from Broadway to		
nwich St.....	300.	
Cafferty Actt reg Elizabeth St fom Prince to Bleecker	400.	
ith Act reg & pav Bancker Street from Pike to Oliver		
.....	700.	
pson Price Actt public Cisterns.....	2500.	
nmings flags sidewalk Watts Str from Engine house..	27.37	
Comb repairs Intersections 1st & 2d Wards.....	92.72	
ercial Advertiser Adverts to redeem Lands 19th		
ust 1824 for themselves & Albany Argus.....	24.62	
Dunn bal on Well Mercer near Amity Street.....	68.25	
Storms driving Piles at Catherine Street Ferry.....	1148.63	
P Roome Supert Repairs for Pump Department....	190.	
P Roome do for Lamps	400.	
P Roome do for Fire Department.....	660.	
P Roome do for Repairs	764.	
rtis Superdt Alms House.....	5000.	
nics Bank 2 bonds & interest.....	20.290.	37.904.25
	Balance	$5.57

oard adjourned till Monday next 5 OClock

[141] Special Meeting In Common Council April 3d 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samel Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
	Philip W Engs
Ja[c]ob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
Wm P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Isaac Vaugh to be appointed sweeper of the Greenwich Market was referred to the Market Committee with powers.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the Third Ward for a Well & Pump was referred to the [142] Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance of Ferris Pell and others against the removal of the Horse Market was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Lessees of the Jersey City Ferry Company respecting the extension of the North Pier of the Courtlandt street dock was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of John Nixon to be appointed Assistant Captain of the City watch was referred to the Watch Committee

A Pe[t]ition of sundry Persons for a Well and Pump corner of Columbia and Rivington street was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th & 11th Wards and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jesse Wood to be appointed Assistant Captain to the City Watch was referred to the Watch Committee

A Remonstrance against the alteration of Garden street at William street was laid on the Table for further consideration it was afterwards called up and [143] referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Bowery Church against the opening of Elizabeth Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John A Holley to be relieved from a Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Nicholas C Everitt to be appointed Superintendant of Streets was laid on the Table

A Petition of the Rhode Island Coal Company to be allowed to sell Coal by Weight was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Leonard A Bleecker to be appointed Assistant Superintendant of Streets was laid on the Table

A Petition of Maria Lopes to be relieved from a Tax was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Remonstrance from a Number of Inhabitants against opening Cedar street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Hay Stevenson for the [144] correction of an Error in the Assessment of Taxes was referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants against the petition of J B Rogers & others locating the Horse Market at the corner of East Bank & 13th Streets was referred to the Police Committee

A Memorial from the Masters and Owners of Sloops &c from the City of Albany praying that the Steam Tow Boats may be removed from Lents Basin and Exchange Slip and that some other place be provided for them was laid on the Table

A Remonstrance of Richard Morris and others against raising and repaving Water street between Old and Conties Slip was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Troy tow Boat Company for permission to lay plank across the North west corner of Conties Slip to accommodate the loading and discharging of their Cargoes was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of James Bedford to have leave to keep his stand near the Washington Market as a Seller of fruit &c was referred to the Market Committee

[145] A Petition of Jacob Van Orden to be appointed Wood Inspector in the place of Martin Okie deceased was laid on the table It was afterwards called up and read

A Petition of Samuel Mingham for a Cartmans Licence he being a Minor was referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance from the Merchants Exchange Company against opening and extending Exchange Street (formerly Slote Lane) into Pearl street was laid on the Table it was afterward Called up and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Barrow & Washington streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward

A Petition for an Additional number of Lamps Chatham Street between Tryon Row and Chamber Street was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition that an ordinance may be passed prohibiting the unloading and measureing Ashes in the Street was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition for a Well & Pump corner of Greenwich & Barrow Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward

[146] His Honor the Mayor stated that he had received a Copy of an Act to create a Public Stock passed 28th March 1826 which was directed to filed

Also an act passed 28th March 1826 to raise money by Tax which was directed to be filed

He also laid before the Board Letters Patent issued by the Commissioners of the Land office in pursuance of the Act entitled an Act relative to improvements in the City of New York passed 26th February 1826 granting to the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty forever all the right and Title of the People of this State to the Lands covered with water along the Easterly shore of the North or Hudson river contiguous to and adjoining the lands of the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty within the said City of New York at and from low water mark and running 400 feet in the said river from a point on the Easterly shore of said River Four miles North from Bestavers Killetje and extending therefrom North along the Easterly shore of said River to Spyt den Duyvel creek otherwise called Kingsbridge creek or Harlaem River And also all the land covered with water along the Westerly shore of the East River or Sound contiguous to and adjoining the lands of the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty at and from Low water Mark and extending 400 feet into the said River or Sound from a point on the Westerly shore of said River or Sound [147] Two miles North from Corlears Hook and extending therefrom North along the Westerly shore of the said East River or Sound to Spyt den Duyvel Creek otherwise called Harleam River—Whereupon the same was directed to be recorded in the Office of the Register for the City & County of New York and filed in the Office of the Comptroller

He also presented a Letter which he had received from Elisha W King Esquire dated Albany March 31-1826 recommending the appointing of Commissioners to report on a permenant line of Improvements which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of cleaning

the Streets which was made the order of the day was called up and read as follows

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleaning the streets together with a Communication from the Honb^{l} the Mayor relative thereto respectfuly Report

That they have had that subject under mature consideration and are of an opinion that the present system of cleening the streets by contract will always prove ineffectual in as much as that private interest is too frequently at variance with [148] public convenience and therefore ought to be abandoned The evil so much complained of appears to your Committee to exist in a great degree from a want of promptness in taking up the dirt when first put into heaps by the inhabitants—your Committee in saying this do not intend censureing the present Contractors for a wilful neglect but impute it in some measure to the existing Law allowing until 10 oClock A M for the Inhabitants to put the dirt in heaps unnecessarily causing the gatherer to travel several times over the same ground on the same day or leave the heaps to be respread over the pavements which has been too often the case

Your Committee therefore are unanimous in the opinion that the only sure and effectual method will be to have it done on account of the Corporation by public agents appointed for that purpose and with view of the subject your Committee have made faithful enquiry of the present contractors (who kindly afforded all the information in their power) as to the quantity of dirt taken up the price it has sold for as also the number of men horses & Carts that has been employed by them in cleaning the streets from that and other information obtained your Committee have annexed a statement of the probable expence of removing the dirt from the Streets when put into heaps by the Inhabitants and the price the manure may bring shewing the probable result at the end of the year

[149] Your Committee are not unanimous in their opinion as to the propriety of purchasing Horses & Carts for the prosecution of the work therefore the[y] have annexed two mathematical statements for the consideration and decision of the Board

Boats or scows for the reception of dirt could be owned by the Corporation without Loss, but as Boats are a species of property which for profit depends very much on management it is the opinion of your Committee that the owners of boats will conduct them on their own account with greater facility and with more anxiety than would be done by men less interested And there being at all times (as your

Committee is informed) a plenty of boats to be freighted that no embarrasment need be apprehended for the want of them—The freight at all times being paid by the purchaser it cannot affect the price of manure in the estimate as follows—Calculation in doing the work all on hire

40 Men horses & Carts one year 288 days each or 11.520 days work at 1.75 cents per day		$20.010.
10 additional Men horses & Carts from 1 May to 1 August 720 days work @ 1.75		1.260.
General Superintendant Salary 1 year		1.500.
Deputy and Acting Clerk do		1.000.
Office rent fuel Stationary—&c		200.
		$23,970.

[150] Amount of Manure sold as follows commencing May 17

June	1.	7461	Loads @ 25 cts	1.865.25	
July	1.	8436	"	2.109.50	
Augut	1.	6121	"	1.530.25	
Septmr	1.	5905	"	1.476.25	
Octor	1	6352	31¼	1.985.	
Novr	1	5186	"	1,620.62	
Decr	1	5632	25 cts	1.408.	
Janry	1.	3992	20 cts	798.40	
Feb	1.	1770	"	354.	
March	1	2149	"	429.80	
Estimate					
April	1	4000	"	800.	
May	1.	6601	"	1.320.20	
		63.605		15.697.27	
Wards 1/5					
Add 5th & 8th 12.721, average price				3.139.45	18.836.72
				Loss	$5.133.28

Estimate to own the horses and Carts and hire men to work them as follows

40 Horses Carts & harness @ $125, each	5.000.
Building a Stable on Public Yard	200.
40 Men as Cartmen one year or 288 days each 11.520 days work @ 87½ cts	10.080.
Feeding & Shoeing 40 Horses one year or 365 days each @ 30 cts pr day	4.380.
Shovels & Brooms for Cartmen	150.
Hire for 10 Men horses & Carts from 1 May to 1 August 720 days at 1.75	1.260.

[151] General Superintendant Salary 1 year.....	1.500.
Deputy " acting Clerk	1.000.
Office Rent fuel Stationary &c.....	200.
	23.770.
Deduct this Estimate from the amount of the Manure account above leaving a gain in favor of the corporation of $200, and in favor of the plan of purchasing horses & Carts over that of hiring of $5.400.....	$5.400.00
The out fit will cost for 40 horses Carts & Harness with Stable....	5.200.
	$200.

Thus leaving a gain of Two hundred dollars and all the horses & Carts at the end of the year—Your Committee did not think it necessary to detail to the Board at this time all the ramifications of carrying their plan into effect nor until the Board shall decide or adopt some course for their guide but will add that in all their estimates have endeavoured to make them sufficiently Large to cover every expence

M^th^ Reed
Gideon Ostrander
John Agnew
Sam^el^ Gilford Jun^r^
William S Coe

The Law proposed by them was also read by paragraphs discussed and amended and finally was passed into a Law under the title of [152] "A Law to regulate the removal of filth & Dirt" It was directed that 200 Copies of the law be printed

The Board then proceeded to choose by Ballot a person to fill the Office of Siperintendant of Streets when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that John M Bloodgood was chosen Whereupon it was Resolved that John M Bloodgood be and he is hereby appointed Superintendant of Streets The Board then proceeded to choose by Ballot a person to fill the Office of Assistant to the Superintendant when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Jacob Rapleyea was chosen Whereupon it was Resolved that Jacob Rapleyea be and he is hereby appointed Assistant to the Superintendant of Streets

His Honor the Mayor by direction of the Board the[n] proceeded to appoint the Committee directed by the 7^th^ Section of the said Law to be annually appointed and he appointed on that Committee Alderman Reed Agnew Gilford Ostrander M^r^ Coe

The Special Committee to whom was committed the authority to purchase the State Prison for the Corporation of this City present

the following report together with the Communication from Stephen Allen and others appointed Commissioners by the House of Assembly

[153] The Special Committee directed to purchase the State prison for the use of the Corporation of this City respectfully repeort their proceedings. That your Committee repaired to Albany as directed and made known their Mission to the House of Assembly, which produced a resolution recommending the sale of the State Prison in the City of New York to the Corporation of that City, which Resolution was referred to the Commissioners duly authorised to sell the same a Copy of the Resolution is herewith annexed together with the answer of the Commissioners to the proposition made to them by your Committee to purchase said prison at $100,000 All which is respectfully submitted

Mth Reed
Anthony Lamb
R C Van Wyck

The Resolution of the House of Assembly was as follows Resolved that the subject matter of this Report be referred back to the Commissioners for building a State prison with a recommendation as the sense of this House that the present State Prison in the City of New York be sold and transferred to the Corporation of said City for a sum not less than 100,000 dollars and that the time of payment and the delivery of the possession of the said property be at the discretion and under the Controul of the said Commissioners

By order R Livingston Clerk

[154] The Letter from the Commissioners is as follows

To Mathew Reed Anthony Lamb and P. C Van Wyck Esqrs

Gentlemen—In answer to your note of the 28th Inst offering to take the State Prison in New York on the terms of the resolution passed by the House of Assembly, we beg leave to state, that we agree to sell the said prison to the Corporation of the City of New York for the sum of One hundred thousand dollars as proposed by said Resolution the details of such sale, the terms of payment and the time of possession with such other minor matters as may be thought of, to be hereafter settled when it will be expected that articles of agreement in due form will be entered into

Stephen Allen
George Tibbits Commissrs &c.
Albany March 29, 1826 Saml M Hopkins

Whereupon the said Report was accepted approved and ordered to be filed

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Council relative to a Water Grant to Henry Overing presented the following Report The Report of the Counsel was as follows

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports, that several Months since the Board agreed to make a Water Grant to Henry Overing in front of his premises on the North River between Barrow & Christopher [155] streets, That this Grant was directed to be made upon the report of the Finance Committee that subsequently upon the Report of the Street Committee, Christopher street was directed to be opened, of the width of 100 feet from Washington to West Streets, which [passes] through the premises intended to be granted to Mr. Overing—That consequently some modification and alteration of the grant becomes necessary, to conform to the intended opening—That owing to this difficulty no Maps of the premises could be obtained, and no grant has been made The Counsel annexes hereto, a Copy of the said Report of the Finance Committee, in order that the subject may be referred to some proper Committee for examination

Respectfully submitted

March 27, 1826 M Ulshoeffer

The Report of the Street Committee was as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the annexed Communication of the Councel of the Board on the subject of a Water Grant heretofore directed to be made out to Henry Overing agreeably to the resolution of the Board inasmuch as he has actually entered into a Contract to make the Bulkhead and to fill in the premises to be granted and that said Grant ought to extend Northerly to the line of the middle of Christopher street as described in the Grant tc the People of the State of New York without providing for twenty feet of what was formerly intended to be Christopher Street of Forty feet width—Your Committee [156] therefore respectfully offer for consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel make out the said Water Grant to Henry Overing according to the principles of this Report and the report of the Finance Committee heretofore adopted on that subject

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Whereupon the report of the Committee was approved and the Resolution proposed by them was adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition for Regulating and paving Sixth street from Broadway to Christopher Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the regulating & paving Sixth street from Broadway to Christopher street, that the same has been advertised and no objections having been offerred they recommend that it be carried into effect and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Sixth street be regulated and paved from Broadway to Christopher Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[157] The Street Committee on the Petition that Burrows Street may be paved from Herring Street to Hudson Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the Petition of David Gelston and others that Burrows Street may be regulated and paved from Herring Street to Hudson street—That in their opinion their request ought to be granted—Accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition that Jones street be regulated and paved reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the Petition of Charles Oakley and others that Jones street may be regulated and paved—That in their opinion their request ought to be granted and as no objections have been offered thereto they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Jones Street at [158] Greenwich Village be regulated and paved

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Resolution to pave the sidewalks of Chrystie Street between Delancy & North Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for paving the side Walks of Chrystie Street between Delancy and North Streets Report their opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that the sidewalks of Chrystie street be laid with brick or Flagging from Delancy Street to North Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Commitee on the Resolution to lay the side walks in Eldridge street between Grand & North Streets reported in favor as follows

[159] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for laying the Side Walks in Eldridge street between Grand and North street—Report that in their opinion those walks should be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks in Eldridge street be laid with flaggs or brick from Grand to North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Resolution to pave the side walks in Bancker Street between Pike and Oliver Streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for paving the side walks in Bancker Street between Pike Street and Oliver Street Report that in the opinion of your Committee it is necessary that the walks in that part of Bancker Street should be laid and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Bancker Street between Pike Street and Oliver Street be paved and that an Ordinance be [160] passed accordingly

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave the Side walks in Suffolk street between Broome and Delancy street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving the side walks in Suffolk Street between Broome Street and Delancy Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Suffolk street be paved with Brick or flaggs from Broome street to Delancy Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to have Commerce street regulated and paved reported in favor as follows

[161] The Street Committee respectfully report on the petition of Charles Oakly and others to have Commerce street regulated and paved that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be

granted inasmuch as no objections have been made thereto the[y] recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C P White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to pave Clarkson street between Hudson & Greenwich streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the petition of Nathaniel Jarvis & others to have Clarkson street regulated and paved between Hudson & Greenwich streets that in the[ir] opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Clarkson street be regulated and Paved between Hudson street and Greenwich street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P White
Wm S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[162] The Street Committee on the Petition to lay the side walks on Westerly side of Orchard Street from Stanton to North street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the petition for laying the walk on the westerly side of Orchard street from Stanton to North streets (the Easterly side being laid) that in their opinion it ought to be paved and as no objections have been offered thereto the[y] recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C P White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to have the Bowery and 3d Avenue regulated and improved on the McAdams plan or paved reported against the same as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons to have the Bowery and 3d Avenue regulated and improved on the plan of McAdams Report that however desirable it may be to improve those streets on the proposed plan or in the usual way by paving yet as no permanent regulation of that section of the City has been fixed and [163] agreed on your Committee are of the opinion that it would be improper to improve those streets at a very great expence until such permanent regulation shall be fixed and approved they accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to regulate and Pave King street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the petition of Grove Wright & others to have King Street regulated and paved that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C P. White
Wm S Coe

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[164] The Street Committee on the Resolution for laying the side walks in Arundle Street between Grand & Rivington Streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for laying the side walks in Arundle street between Grand & Rivington streets Report their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that the side Walks in Arundle street be paved with flaggs or Brick from Grand street to Rivington streets

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to have Henry Street regulated and paved from Rutgers to Grand street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee respectfully report on the Petition of Nicholas Low & others to have Henry Street regulated and paved from Rutgers to Grand Street that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners should be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C P White
Wm S Coe

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[165] The Street Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of Anson G Blake and sundry other petitions and remonstrances on the subject of widening Exchange street between William street and Pearl street and for improving Garden street at William Street and also for widening Slote lane presented a report which together with the remonstrances on the subject presented this meeting was referred to the Street Committee

The Street Committee on the Petition to have a Street opened from Jay to Duane Street reported against the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons that a Street Thirty feet in width may be opened from Duane Street to Jay Street through the block between Washington street and West street—Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners in asmuch as all the proprietors of the Lots in such street will be accommodated with Fronts on West street now about to be made, and inasmuch as one of the principal proprietors of the Lots to be affected is opposed to such opening and for as much as narrow streets are generally receptacles for filth and impure

air and consequently injurious to the health of the inhabitants residing in its vicinity

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend [166] the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Memorial of Maturin Livingston respecting the line of Attorney street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Maturin Livingston Esqr setting forth that he is the proprietor of the Block of ground between Rivington and Stanton streets and Attorney and Ridge streets, that some years since he sold the Lot on the corner of Rivington & Attorney streets that a House was erected thereon placed under the direction of the then Street Commissioner and one of the City Surveyors that subsequently the line of the street has been changed and the block thrown about eight inches Eastwardly leaving the building on the Lot which he had sold eight inches in advance of his Lots on the line of Attorney street; and prays that this Board will either permit him to improve his Lots by building on a line with the house before mentioned or cause said House to be removed from off Attorney [167] Street—Your Committee having investigated the subject are enabled to make the following report

About the year 1817 Mr Livingston sold the Lot on the corner of Rivington and Attorney streets on which a house was shortly after erected on a Survey made by one of the City Surveyors assisted by the then Assistant Street Commissioner and correctly located according to the then supposed true lines of the streets as laid down on the Map of the "Delancy Farm" at that time but few buildings had been erected in that vicinity shortly after improvements increased rapidly towards the east river when it was found that the buildings which had been theretofore erected were placed irregularly in consequence of there being no fixed points to guide the Surveyors in making their several surveys. In order to ascertain the cause of so many errors the Street Commissioner (Mr McComb) directed two Surveyors (Mr Doughty and Mr Ewen) to make a careful and correct survey of all

the grounds between Arundle Street and the East river—which was done it was thereby ascertained that several of the buildings which had be[en] placed according to the supposed correct survey of Delancy's farm were several inches either on or off the streets, some of the Block having a Surplus and others a deficiency of ground, in order to remedy the evil as far as possible the Street Commissioner directed that all future buildings should be placed on the Corrected line and which has been [168] strictly attended to, and accordingly a house has been erected on a Lot of Mr Livingston corner of Ridge and Rivington streets on the corrected or new line so that if he (Mr Livingston) should be permitted to build on the Old line of Attorney street and the new line of Ridge street he would have a surplus of eight inches or more in his block—Your Committee are of opinion that inasmuch as the petitioner will have all his ground by adhering to the corrected line it would be improper to deviate therefrom and in asmuch as that the Buildings on the corner of Attorney and Rivington streets was placed there before the error in the Survey of the Delancy farm was discovered they recommend that the House be permitted to Occupy the eight inches on the Street—and that the small wooden building on the rear of the Lot and also partly on the street be removed therefrom and placed on the corrected line Accordingly your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that the new line of Attorney and Ridge streets as corrected by the late Street Commissioner, be considered as the true line thereof

Resolved that the house which was erected on the Northeasterly corner of the intersection of Rivington and Attorney streets be permitted to remain on its present location during the pleasure of the Corporation of this City, and that the Stable in the rear of said Lot be removed [169] from off Attorney Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Claim of H Maxwell Esquire District Attorney for costs in suits presented in the Court of Exchequer presented the following report in his favor

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Claim of H Maxwell Esquire beg leave most respectfully to report

That they have had the subject under consideration and consulted the Counsel of the Board and are of the Opinion that the services of H Maxwell Esq[r] for cases prosecuted in the Court of Exchequer and in which the parties have been discharged in consequence of their poverty or from excuses satisfactory to the Court: entitle him to the payment of his Claim and therefore submit to the Common Council the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his Warrant in favor of Hugh Maxwell Esq[r] for Twelve hundred and Seventy three $^{5}\%_{100}$ dollars [170] being the amount of his claim against the Common Council

Respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
M[th] Reed
Tho[s] Bolton

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of E Parmerly for relief from Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of M[r] E Pamly to be released from excessive Tax on Ten thousand dollars instead of One thousand dollars personal property—Respectfully report that they have examined the Petitioner on his oath and are convinced that he ought to be relieved in the premises therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that E Parmly of Park place [be] and he is hereby released from the payment of personal Tax for the year 1825 except on Two thousand dollars property

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Sam[el] Gilford Jun[r]
W[m] W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[171] The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of the Trustees of the African Free School in Mulberry street presented a report favorable to the Petition but recommended that the same should be referred to the Committee of Charity—Which was approved and it was referred accordingly

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Alexander Thompson Jun[r] for relief from Tax reported in his favor as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alex[r] Thompson Jun[r]

Report that they have examined the petition[er] with the accompanying documents which embrace his affidavit and am convinced that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted Therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Alex[r] Thompson Jun[r] is hereby released from personal Tax of last year except on Six hundred and twenty one dollars & $^{39}/_{100}$ personal Property

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Sam[l] Gilford Jun[r]
W[m] W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the following Preamble [172] and Resolution

Whereas the Pier on the Easterly side of Catherine Slip is so far decayed and sunken that it has become impassible and almost useless And whereas in order to repair it substantially it will be necessary to sink and build a block at the outer end thereof

Therefore Resolved that Notice be given to the proprietors of the Water Lots and who are interested in said pier that they unite with the Corporation in building a block at the outer end of the Pier and repair so much thereof as is sunken and decayed

The Report of the Committee was as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed Preamble and Resoulution—Respectfully recommend that the same be adopted by the Board

Anthony Lamb
John Hitchcock
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred *to* [the] Petition for extending the Pier at the foot of Moore street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips [173] to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of the Pier at the foot of Moore street, requesting permission to add another block to said Pier respectfully report

That Petitioners state in their Petition that at present there is not

sufficient accommodation for the Vessels that regularly discharge their Cargoes at said Pier, that many have to unlade and take in their freights across the Decks of other Vessels, that the contemplated extension will add four additional births, that the present length of said Pier is considerably less than those adjacent on either side, and that there is a Bar at a short distance from the end of said Pier obstructing the Navigation in such manner that Vessels of the ordinary draft cannot reach the end of said Pier at Low Water

Your Committee are of opinion that the facts stated in the Petition are true, and that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, they propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the owners of the Pier at the foot of Moore street be authorised to extend said Pier into the East river as far as the end of the Piers, on either side thereof, under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Anthony Lamb
John Hitchcock
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[174] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the several Petitions for Office of Inspector of Fire wood presented the following Report which was accepted

The Committee on Whaves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petitions of sundry Persons to be appointed Inspector of Fire wood Respectfully Report

That a vacancy has been occasioned in district N° 15 by the death of Martin Oakey and your Committee recommend a selection to fill said vacancy from the names of the following applicants, either of whom your Committee are of opinion (from the information they have been able to obtain) is well qualified to execute the duties of said office To wit Jacob Van Orden William Riker Isaac B Torboss John Crouter Francis Colegrove Thunis A Cuyper & Leffert Lefferts

Anthony Lamb
John Hitchcock
Lemuel Pittman

The Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the office when Tunis A Cuyper was chosen And it was Resolved that Tunis A Cuyper be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Fire wood for the 15th District

The Police Committee on the Petition of Moses S Pike for relief

from Penalty under the Pawn brokers Law reported in favor as follows

[175] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Moses S Pike praying to be released from a Fine Incurred for selling second hand articles Report

That it appears to the Committee that the said Petitioner was ignorant of the necessity of taking out Licence and that immediately after he was notified and prosecuted he made application and obtained his Licence and confessed judgment for the amount of the penalty

The Committee therefore under the circumstances consider that the said petitioner is entitled to relief and accordingly offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Moses S Pike be released from the Fine incurred by him for selling second hand articles upon payment of Costs

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the Petition of Jacob Rappleyea & Jacob Duyckman contractors for Street Manure for relief from fines incurred reported against Petitioners as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Rapleyea & Jacob Dyckman 176] Street Contractors—Respectfully report that they have enquired into the cause for which the Petitioners have been prosecuted, and find that a large quantity of Manure the filth and dirt of the City was taken from the Streets and deposited at the foot of Reed Street where it was suffered by the Petitioners to remain for an unreasonable length of time to the great annoyance of the neighbourhood although they were frequently requested to remove the same—The Committee cannot believe the petitioners were Ignorant of having violated the Law by so great an Incumbrance and are of opinion that the petitioners ought not to be releived

The Committee therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution

Resolved that Jacob Rapleyea and Jacob Dyckman Street Contractors have leave to withdraw their petition

John Yates Cebra
P C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee on the Petition of Ives & White and others against the practice of persons hawking and selling hats in the streets presented a report in favor of Petitioners accompanied with a Law to restrain the practice—The Law having been read and the question taken on agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative

[177] Mr Schieffelin presented the following which was referred to the Market Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to Report upon the expediency of erecting & locating a Market at the Junction of the Bowery and Third Avenue

Mr Lozier presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that all persons wishing to obtain New Licences for keeping a Tavern and Licences for retailing Spiritous Liquors be required to procure recommendations to their application, but that it will not be necessary for persons wishing to renew their Licences for the aforesaid purpose to do more than make an application as directed by a former Resolution of this Board without Recommendations

Board Adjourned to meet Monday next at 5 oClock

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[179] In Common Council April 10th 1826

Present—The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorded[r]

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
Campbell P White	P. C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Anthony Lamb	Wm S Coe
Jameson Cox	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abraham M Valentine
Wm P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of H & D Cotheal and others praying that the Pump in Water street between Conties and Old Slip may be removed to the opposite side of the Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward

A Petition of Wm B Lawrence & others to purchase a gore of Land in front of their property at the corner of Greenwich Lane &

6th Avenue which was read [180] and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Alfred S Pell for an apportionment of an Assessment in gross on property on Sixth street part of which is owned by others was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of the Heirs of the late Richard Williamson to enable them to receive the amount awarded for opening Thompson street on the 16th August 1816 was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas M Collins and others for regulating and paving Walnut and Bancker streets between Gouverneur and Walnut street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John F Cox and others for opening 4th Street between the Bowery and the East river was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Ira B Wheeler & others residents of the 7th & 10th Wards against laying open a square at Corlaers Hook was laid on the Table, afterward called up and read and laid for further consideration

A Petition of George Hall for remission of a fine for selling small Meat out of a Waggon in the [181] Bowery was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James Allaire to regulate and pave Corlaers Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Ebin Willson and others owners and occupants of property at the foot of Charlton street for two Lamps between Washington & West streets in Charlton street likewise at the end of the Pier foot of Charlton street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Alexr Lewis to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for office

A Petition of Joseph D Smith praying for an extension of the District of which he is Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Thomas Bennett to be appointed a Street or Wood Inspector or any other small Office in the gift of the Corporation was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Charles Clinton and Adolphus Loss to be appointed City Surveyors was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[182] A Petition of James Jarvis and others expressing a wish

purchase from the Corporation a part of Amity lane in front of their property was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John R Murray to be relieved from the payment of Interest on a Lot of land sold for an Assessment was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John C Angevine for the Stall N° 3 Greenwich Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John C Ball for permission to remove a building was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of John H Stuyvesant to be appointed Inspector of Hackney Coaches was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Elbert Herring one of the Executors of the Will of Elizabeth Depeyster deceased relative to the payment of an Assessment for opening Wooster and Mercer Streets was read and referred to the Counsel & Street Commissioner with powers

[183] A Petition of a Number of owners of Hackney coaches praying for a Law requiring simular qualifications to obtain a Licence to own and run a Hack as for Tavren or Cartmens Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of sundry Persons for a Well and Pump at the intersection of Division & Orchard Streets 10th Ward was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and the Street Commr

A Petition of James Beckwith (a minor) for a Cartmens Licence was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of William Buckley (a Minor) for a Cartmens Licence was read and on motion to refer to the Police Committee a Division being called it was carried in the Affirmative. all the members voted in the Affirmative excepting Aldermen Gilford & Agnew & Mr Schieffelin who voted in the Negative

A simular Petition from Abraham Hatfield (a minor) was read and referred to the Police Committee

A simular Petition from William Vanouterstep (a minor) was read and referred to the Police Committee

A simular Petition from Benjamin Mayo [184] (a minor) was read and referred to the Police Committee

A simular Petition from William Hallick (a minor) was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance of the Heirs and Representatives of John Quackenbos against the opening and extending Elizabeth Street was referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of the French Church John Taylor John Mason and others *owenes* [owners] of property against opening and extending Cedar Street from William Street into Pearl street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Christopher Milderberger and others against the opening of the 5th Avenue from 13th Street to the Blooming dale Road was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Scotch Presbyterian Church in Ceder Street against opening and extending Cedar street from William Street into Pearl street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of owners and Occupants of property in East Banck street to have the Horse Market [185] located in East Bank Street near 13th Street was read and laid on the Table it was afterwards called up and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Stephen McCormick to be appointed Inspector of Hacks was read and laid on the Table

A Remonstrance from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church against opening [Cedar] Street from William Street [to Pearl Street] was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Joseph L Hays to be appointed Inspector of Hackney Carriages was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Peter Hull for Office of Assistant of the 1st District City Watch was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Mathew Chichester for Office of Assistant of the 2d District City Watch was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of William A Hardenbrook for Office of Inspector of Hackney Coaches was read and laid on the Table

[186] The Police Committee to whom was referred Mr Scheiffelins Resolution on subject of Fees to Keeper of City Prison presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table. It was afterward called up and after considerable discussion was referred back to the Police Committee

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Dusenbury for a remission of a Fine for not filling up a sunken Lot repo[r]ted against the same as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Duzenburry praying to be relieved from a fine for not filling up a Sunken Lot—Respectfully Report that, the said Petitioner as early as the month of October last was served with a Copy of the

Ordinance requiring him to fill up the Lot occupied by him N° 223 in Chrystie Street on or before the fifteenth day of November then next; That the said Petitioner wholly neglected to comply with the said Ordinance and has been prosecuted to payment thereon That the said petitioner has not to this day filled up said Lot nor in any manner complyed with said Ordinance, that his Lot is now covered with Water about Two feet deep and is about five feet below the adjoining Lots and of Material injury to owners and occupants thereof.

The Committee therefore are of [187] opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted. And submit the following Resolution—Resolved that the said William Dusenbury have leave to withdraw his Petition

John Yates Cebra
Wm S Coe
P. C Van Wyck
E Scheiffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the Petition of William W Shirley praying that Two Bow Windows set up by him at N° 235 Broadway may be permitted to Remain reported against the same as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William W Shirley praying that Two Bow Windows put up by him at N° 325 Broadway may be permitted to remain

Respectfully report that, it appears the said Bow Windows are of greater dimensions than what is allowed by Law and the Committee deem it inconsistent to grant the prayer of the Petitioner without a repeal of said Law. The Committee submit the following Resolution

Resolved That William W. Shirley have leave to withdraw his Petition

John Yates Cebra
Wm S Coe
P. C Van Wyck
E Sheiffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[188] The Police Committee on the Petition of Mary Ann Stuart praying for relief from the payment of a fine for selling liquors without a Licence reported against the same as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary

Ann Stuart praying to be relieved from a fine for selling Liquor without Licence

Respectfully report that, they have taken into consideration the matter set forth in said petition and find that the said petitioner was not ignorant of having violated the Law, as she had been informed that complaint would be made against her and of the consequences that would follow, that notwithstanding such information she still continued to sell without Licence The Committee do not feel authorized to decide in favor of the petitioner in a case like this and therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution

Resolved that the said Mary Anne Stuart have leave to withdraw her petition

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Report of the Police Committee presented on the 13th March and referred back to them was again presented and was in the words following

[189] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of Citizens on the subject of the Horse Market Respectfully Report—That from the character and conduct of the persons who are in the habit of attending to that species of traffick and who congregate for the purpose weekly it is productive of great vice and immorality and finally became a great greiveance and nuisance to the neighbourhood attended also with considerable danger to those who are compelled to pass to and from upron their necessary pursuits, And the Committee feel satisfied that the same ought either to be wholly abated or removed to a distance beyond the populous parts of the City—The Committee are therefore of the opinion if it shall be considered indispensible by the Board, that a Public Market for the sale of Horses should be established at any particular spot that the Second Avenue between Thirteenth and Twenty fourth streets will be the most suitable for a business of that description

John Yates Cebra
Wm A Davis
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Whereupon Mr Engs presented a Resolution declaring it inexpedient to allow any Market for the sale or purchase of Horses which was

Negatived—Mr Van Wyck then presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that the Horse Market be Located on the Second Avenue between Thirteenth and Twenty fourth Streets.

[190] The Police Committee on Petition of Daniel Winship to be relieved from penalty for not filling in a Lot reported in favor as follows

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Winship praying to be relieved from a penalty incurred for not filling up and paving a Lot of Ground situate between Rivington & Stanton Streets Respectfully report that since the suit was commenced against the Petitioner he has complied with the ordinance made in that behalf and that his premises are now in good order—The Committee therefore are of opinion that the said petitioner is intitled to be releived from the Judgment obtained against him upon the payment of Costs and they accordingly submit the following resolution—Resolved that the said Daniel Winship be discharged from the judgment obtained against him upon payment of the Costs

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of the 11th Ward against permitting Swine to runn at Large reported in favor of the same as follows

[191] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a great number of Inhabitants of the Eleventh Ward praying that Swine may be prevented from running at large in said Ward

Respectfully Report that they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and in conformity thereto herewith submit for consideration a Law to carry the same into effect

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C. Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Whereup[on] the report was approved and the Law presented by them was passed under the title of "A Law relative to swine found running at large within this City"

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the

repairing of the Monument of the late Capt Lawrence erected in Trinity Church Yard presented the following Report

The Committee on Lands and Places who were charged with superintending the repairs of the Monument of the late Captain Lawrence erected in the Cemetry of Trinity Church

Respectfully report

That they communicated to Mrs Lawrence, and to the Vestry of Trinity Church [192] the resolution of this Board on the subject referred to them and have received from each an answer acquiescing in the wishes of the Corporation as expressed in said resolution, which answers are annexed to this report—The Committee after examining the Monument were led to doubt the practicability of repairing it, and in order that they might be able to act with Certainty, they caused the work to be inspected by able Mechanics, whose report is hereto annexed, and to which they beg leave to refer

From this report it will appear that the work under consideration cannot be repaired and as the powers delegated to your Committee do not extend beyond this they beg leave to ask the further direction of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Thos Bolton
Gideon Ostrander
Wm A Davis
John Agnew
P. C. Van Wyck

Which was accepted and the Committee discharged from further consideration thereon

Mr Schieffelin then presented a Resolution deferring it to a Committee to have a New Monument erected the expence not to exceed $2000, unless the Widow of the deceased would prefer having a Tablet in Trinity Church—Alderman Agnew also presented [193] a Resolution for a select Committee to be appointed to devise some proper testimonials of respect to the memory of the deceased, which were approved and His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Special Comittee on the subject—Mr Recorder Aldermen Agnew, Cebra Mr Schieffelin & Mr Bolton

The Finance Committee on the Report of the Comptroller on the claim of John W Wyman presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the

Comptroller on the claim of John W Wyman Esq^{r} beg leave most respectfully to Report

That your Committee have had the subject under consideration and they find that John W Wyman was Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of New York in the years 1819. 1820 & 1821 and that his account for services in that Office were audited in the manner required by the Statute: by the Judges of the Court of General Sessions in the month of October 1821. That in consequence of a question being raised, whether these services were payable by the State, or as a Charge against this County; the payment of the same was with held from M^{r} Wyman: That the Honorable the Legislature [194] of this State at the last Session passed a declaratory Act "directing the Supervisors of this County to provide for the payment of the sum due to M^{r} Wyman for his services" This decision of the Supreme authority of the State having settled the question your Committee have no hesitation in expressing their opinion, and they are so advised by the Counsel of the Board; that M^{r} Wyman is entitled to the payment of the Balance of said account with interest on the same; and they submit the following Resolution to the Common Council—Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of John W Wyman for $4854 $^{6}/_{100}$ dollars being in full for services rendered as Clerk of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of New York

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Tho^{s} Bolton
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Chemical Manufacturing Company for a Water Grant reported in favor of the same as follows

[195] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the President & Directors of the New York Chemical Manufacturing Company beg leave respectfully to Report

That the Petitioners are owners of a tract of Ground along the Hudson River in the Ninth Ward of the City: upon which they propose expending a large sum of Money in the extension of their Manufactoring Establishment, They are desirous of procuring a Water

Grant in front of said property at or near the termination of Thirty second street, which request your Committee deem reasonable and such as ought to be granted—Your Committee submit to the Common Council their opinion as to the Annual rent which should be charged to the Petitioner for said grant viz from 1st May 1826 to 1st May 1840 30 cents per foot—1840 to 1850 60 cents pr foot 1850 to 1860 90 cents per foot 1860 and forever 120 cents pr foot—Resolved that the Counsel for the Board make out a Water Grant to the President & Directors of the Chemical Manufactoring Company (in front of their property on the Hudsons River) with the usual covenant and at the rent above stated

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Thos Bolton
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[196] The Finance Committee on the Petition of Thomas Stagg for the purchase of a Gore of land on Cliff street reported in favor as follows

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Stagg praying the Corporation to sell him a Gore of land in Cliff street beg leave respectfully to Report

That your Committee consider the Petition of Mr Stagg who is the owner of the adjoining property as reasonable, and such as ought to be granted; and the Street Commissioner being of the Opinion that the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars is the fair value of the aforesaid Gore of land they submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be authorised to make out a Deed of said Gore of Land in Cliff street to Mr Thomas Stagg upon his paying the sum of $450 Dollars to the Comptroller for the use of the City

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Thos Bolton
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[197] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Regulating of certain Streets and Avenues between North Street and 34th Street presented a Report in part recommending that the Profiles of North Second Third Fourth & Fifth Streets presented with the Report be adopted the same having been read it was laid for further consideration and the Street Commissioner was directed to advertise the same for objections in the papers employed by the Board

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subjects of opening and improveing Exchange Street Garden Street and Slote Lane presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the several subjects of opening and improving Exchange Street Garden Street and Slote Lane respectfully report that they have duly considered the several Petitions for, and Remonstrances against such improvements and offer the following as the result of their deliberations—Your Committee believe that the opening and Continuing Exchange street to Pearl street would be an improvement to that section of the City, but as it is strongly remonstrated against by a very large majority of the owners of property that would be affected by it they recommend the abandonment of the project

On the petition for widening and [198] straightening Exchange street between William Street and Slote Lane your committee recommend that it be carried into effect in conformity with a line shewn on a Map herewith presented

Your Committee also recommend that the proposed improvement for straightening Garden street at William Street by taking a small peice from the premises of Cornelius Ray Esquire

Your Committee further report that in their opinion the further widening of Slote lane *is* [is] necessary and proper, that the width of that thoroughfare will be but Thirteen feet when the present opening thereof is carried into effect, a space altogether too limited for foot passengers an[d] cannot with safety be used with Carriages. they therefore recommend that so much of the premises on the Easterly side of Slote lane be taken as shall make that Street thirty feet wide from Hanover Square to Garden street including a small portion from the Westerly side thereof as will appear on the Map or plan herewith presented

In accordance with the foregoing your Committee submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption

Resolved that it is inexpedient to open and continue Exchange street from Slote Lane to Pearl Street

Resolved that Exchange street be widened between William Street and Slote Lane as shewn on [199] a Map thereof herewith presented

Resolved that Garden street be straightened between William Street and the Buildings of the Merchants Exchange Company by taking the Gore from the Land of Cornelius Ray on the North side of Garden street at the Corner of William Street as laid down on the Map

Resolved that Slote Lane be widened to Thirty feet on lines shewn on a Map of the proposed improvement.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the Necessary Measures for having the foregoing resolutions carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White
Wm P Rathbone

Whereupon the same was approved and the several Resolutions therein proposed adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petitions and Remonstrances in the subject of Regulating and paving Roosevelt Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry owners and Lessees of property on Roosevelt Street praying [200] that, that Street may be so regulated and paved as that the waters of the Street may [be] carried over the surface to the river Report that they have duly considered the subject and [are] of the opinion that the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the interests of the Owners of property on that street would be thereby promoted and the evils of the common sewer be dispensed with; your Committee therefore earnestly recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that Roosevelt Street be so regulated and paved as that the waters thereof be conveyed over the surface from Chatham Street to the river

Resolved that so much of the streets intersecting Roosevelt Street as may be found necessary be raised repaved and made to conform to the proposed regulation of said Street

Resolved that if necessary a drain be constructed in Roosevelt

street and the streets intersecting the same of sufficient capacity to receive the latteral drains from the Lots and Cellers adjacent thereto.

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Wm P Rathbone

After considerable discussion a Motion was made that the consideration of the subject be indefinately [201] postponed the Question being taken thereon and a Division called it was carried in the affirmative

Affirmative Ald Gilford White Reed Rathbone Mr Mott Van Wyck Lozier Peters Valentine Pittman Schieffelin. 11

Negative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Lamb Cox Taylor Ostrander Bolton Coe Engs 9

Alderman Rathbone gave notice of Reconsideration

The Street Committee on the Petition of Thomas Gardner Marinus Willett and others for the improvement of the 7th Ward &c was laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the members

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Brown to be appointed a Measurer of Lumber reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Brown to be re-appointed a Measurer of Lumber, have [202] enquired into the Matter set forth in the Petition which was Ignorance in not subscribing to an oath in the Clerks Office in December last. Therefore from the character Mr Brown has acquired as an Inspector of Lumber, and his standing in Society as a good Citizen—We recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that Thomas Brown be and he is hereby appointed a measurer and Inspector of Lumber for the City and County of New York

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of S H Herrick & Co proprietors of the Troy Tow Boat line for permission to lay plank across Coenties Slip reported against the same as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel H Herrick & C° and others Citizens of New York and proprietors of the Troy Tow Boat line Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners ask permission to lay a Platform of Plank across the North west corner of Coenties Slip for the purpose of enabling them to load and discharge the Cargoes of their Boats with more facility than they can at present do

[203] Your Committee are of opinion that it would be improper to authorise the Laying of such platform inasmuch as that it would be an obstruction to free use of that part of said Slip by other Boats and would in effect be to recognise in those Boats the exclusive right to the use of the same

Your Committee therefore propose for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Anthony Lamb
John Hitchcock
Jacob B Taylor
M^th^ Reed
L Pittman

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips on the Petition of Samuel Leggett and others Directors of the Steam Boat John Marshall for permission for said Boat to lie at the Pier next to Catherine street Ferry &c presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Leggett William Clark and Isaac P Jessup Directors of the Steam Boat John Marshall and others Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners ask permission to [204] come with said Boat to the west side of the Pier adjoining Catherine Slip Ferry, and of putting wood on said Pier, for a reasonable Compensation

Your Committee are of opinion that the practice of piling wood on the Public Wharves and Piers, is very prejudicial to the Public Interest, they have examined several of the Piers occupied by Steam Boats and have found them encumbered with Large quantities of Wood, in some instances with several hundred Cords, which in the opinion of your Committee has caused considerable damage to said piers, and more particularly to the Bridges. These Piers were also

found to be in a very filthy state, in consequence of these large Piles of Wood, affording shelter and concelement to the most offensive Nuisances. The Vessels which occupy the other parts of these Piers are much incommoded by this practice which has been so long tolerated, as that it appears almost to be considered a matter of right

Your Committee are of opinion that that part of the aforesaid Petition, which asks permission for said Boat to come to said Pier for a reasonable compensation is a proper subject for the consideration of the Committee on Finance and they propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

Resolved that such part of the aforesaid Petition as asks permission for said Boat to come [205] to said Pier for a reasonable compensation be referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of that part of said Petition which asks permission to put Wood on said Pier

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause the Public Wharves and Piers to be cleared of all wood Plaister and all other articles which encumber the same contrary to Law

Anthony Lamb
John Hitchcock
Jacob B Taylor
Mth Reed
Lemuel Pittman

Which was laid on the Table—Afterward called up and agreed to and the subject of compensation agreeable to the said Resolution was referred to the Finance Committee. Mr Valentine gave notice of Reconsideration

The Assistant of the 8th Ward on the Petition for a Well and Pump in King street and for Lamps in the said street reported as follows

The Assistant Alderman of the 8th Ward on the reference of the Petition of inhabitants of the neighbourhood of King street for a Well and Pump in said Street and to have Lamps placed in the same

[206] Reports that he has examined said street and finding it proper that a Well and Pump should be sunk there, offers a resolution embracing the request of the Petitioners on that subject—And asks to be discharged from that part of the said Petition, relative to Lamps, and that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners for a Well and Pump in King Street at the S W corner of the Dutch Church be granted

Submitted by P. W Engs
Assᵗ Alᵈ 8ᵗʰ Ward

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and the subject of Lamps was agreeably to the report referred to the Lamp Committee

The Canal Committee to whom was referred a Resolution directing them to report their opinion on the plans suggested by the Commissioners for regulating the City as far as relates to Canal Sewers presented the following Report

The Canal Committee to whom was referred a Resolution directing them to enquire and report their opinion on the plans suggested by the Commissioners for regulating the City from North to Thirty fourth Street as far as relates to Canal sewers & Water Courses Respectfully Report

That they have examined [207] the plans of the said Commissioners and are of opinion that the sinking of sewers in that section of the City is subject to all the objections made against them in other sections as nuisances, and having see[n] profiles for the proposed regulation of North First Second Third Fourth & Fifth streets by which the Water from the same will be carried off from the surface, they have come to the conclusion that it is inexpedient to adopt the plans of the Commissioners as referred to them and they recommend accordingly

P. W Engs
Wᵐ P Rathbone
Mᵗʰ Reed

Which was accepted

A Law entitled "a Law further to amend the Law of the 14ᵗʰ March 1825 entitled "A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rates of Wharfage —Was presented and passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Enginer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Compa[n]y

Nº 12

Allen R Jollie Musical Instrument Maker 81 Gold Street
Vᶜ Wᵐ T Thomson left the City

N° 13

James J M Valentine Clerk 23 Fulton Street
Vᶜ Samuel Champlain Resigned

[208] N° 15

Henry Thacker Hatter 1 Bowery Vᶜ W H Andrews—Left the City

Fire Hook & Ladder Cº N° 5

Andrew Grozart Accountant No 163 Delancy Street
Floyd Palmer Grocer Corner Pitt & Grand Streets
Benjamin D Yates Blacksmith " Columbia & Broome do
Cornelius Read House Carpenter 262 Division Street
Isaac Marshall do 464 Cherry street
Alfred C Harris do do "
Thomis H Bassett Grocer Corner Pitt & Rivington Streets
Levy P Leak Mason 475 Grand street
Paul Palmer Cartman Pitt near Grand street
James Myers Rope Maker Stanton near Arundle
Harrison Palmer Cartman Pitt near Rivington Street
Abraham Trafford Grocer N° 25 Mangin street

Fire Warden 9th Ward

Robert L Jaques—Conveyancer N° 27 Van Dam Street
to fill the Company

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Vizt

An Ordinance for Paving Sixth street between Broadway and Christopher Street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin Junior and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

[209] Also for paving Henry Street from Rutgers street to Grand street and John Tout David Lyon & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving King street from McDougall Street to Greenwich street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy and Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Burrows Street from Hudson street to Herring street and Abraham Dally Cornelius McLean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Jones Street at Greenwich Village and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Commerce street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John McKesson were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Clarkson street from Hudson Street to Greenwich street and John Targee Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors.

Also for paving the side walks of Bancker street from Oliver to Pike Street and John Targee [210] Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the Side walks of Suffolk street from Broome to Delancy Street and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side walks of Chrystie Street from Delancy to North street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side walks of Orchard street from Stanton to North street and Abraham Dally Cornelius McLean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side walks in Arundle Street from Grand Street to Rivington street and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side walks of Eldridge Street from Grand to North Street and John Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner also presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed and Morris De Camp Appointed Collector in each Viz

[211] An Ass[ess]ment for regulating and paving Van Dam Street from Varrick to McDougal Street

An Ass[ess]ment for a Well and Pump in Bancker street near Rutgers street

The Counsel to whom was referred the Supboena issuing out of Chancery at the suit of the Globe Insurance Company presented the following report

The Counsel respectfully reports to the Board, that the suit in Chancery of the Globe Insurance Company (in which the Corporation is made a party) merely impleads the Corporation as a Judgment Creditor It appears that on the 22d August 1823 the Corporation obtained a Judgment in the Common Pleas against James R Stuart John Hillyer and Nathaniel Hillyer for $390 $^{97}/_{100}$ damages and costs, which Judgment has been long since paid, but no satisfaction entered or record[ed], The Counsel therefore encloses a satisfaction peice to be

authenticated and acknowledged in the usual manner which will obviate any further concern on the part of the Board in said suit.

Respectfully submitted

April 3, 1826 M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to have the satisfaction piece acknowledged agreeably to Law

The Counsel to whom was referred the [212] Report of the Street Committee on the Communication from the Street Commissioner respecting the location of Wells and Pumps in the Carriage ways and Intersections of the Streets presented a Report—The Report of the Street Committee was as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the location of Wells and Pumps in the Carriage ways and intersections of the Streets of this City—Report that they have duly considered the subject are of the opinion that Pumps placed in Carriage ways, are dangerous and ought to be removed they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that all Wells & Pumps located in the Carriage Ways of the Streets be removed therefrom and fixed at such suitable place in the vicinity thereof as may be directed by the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward in which such Well and Pump shall be required to be so removed

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board prepare a draft of an Ordinance embracing the objects in the foregoing Resolution

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
William S Coe

The Report of the Counsel was as follows

[213] The Counsel of the Board, to whom the enclosed Report of the Street Committee on a Communication of the Street Commissioner was referred in order to frame a Law in conformity thereto, begs leave to Report that in cases where old Wells are to be filled up, and new ones built, the usual special Ordinances must be passed: and that a general Ordinance embracing all the pumps or Wells situated at the Intersections (or in the middle) of streets of this City, could not be adopted In cases where such Wells and Pumps are considered as incumbrances, and are desired to be removed, And Wells sub-

stituted nearer the Side Walks, it will be necessary to pass Special Ordinances in the Usual Manner and to appoint Assessors of the expence according to Law

The Counsel therefore suggests that it would be proper, to refer this subject to the Street Commissioner, in order that Special Ordinances may be reported by him to the Board as often as the exigency of any case or cases may require in ordinary manner

Respectfully submitted

April 3—1826 M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Report of the Counsel was accepted and directed to be filed—The subject of said Report was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Law entitled a Law to amend the Law entitled " A Law respecting Weights and Measures "—was presented and passed

[214] The Counsel also presented the following Report on the Petition of William Eaton for a Water Grant

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution a Water Grant to Charles Wayland, which he has prepared agreeably to the report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of William Eaton the said Charles Wayland being the proprietor of the adjacent upland, to whom of right the said Grant is to be made and the same is accordingly made out to him by the request of said William Eaton The rates of Quit Rent not being contained in the Report of the Finance Committee, the same have been inserted in the Grant at 30 Cents per foot of front (per Annum) to 1st May 1840—60 Cents per foot to 1 May 1850—90 Cents per foot to 1st May 1860 and 120 Cents per foot for ever afterwards—These rates have been inserted by directions of said Committee

Respectfully submitted

April 10, 1826 M. Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel also presented for execution a Water Grant to Henry Overing

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution a Water Grant to Henry Overing, which has been prepared agreeably to the reports of the Finance Committee and Street Committee heretofore [215] adopted on that subject

Respectfully submitted

April 10, 1827 M. Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

N°	1. S Levy	Owner	N°	10	Anthony Street	A Privy
	2. G Allen	do		14	do	do
	3. P Higgins	do		18	do	do
	4. C Frandenburgh	do		22	do	do
	5. M Van Beuren	do		36	do	do
	6. J Ackerman	do		42	do	do
	7. T Vanriper	do		48	do	do
	8. P Kittle[t]as	do		52	do	do
	9. S Marks	do		54	do	do
	10. F Stivers	do		58	do	do
	11. A Post	do		89	do	do
	12. J° A Hamilton	do	N°	6	Carlisle street	do
	13. A Huested	do		65	Church street	do
	14. J Hays	do		183	do	do
	15. M Conklin	do		187	do	do
	16. J Hinton	do		195½	do	do
	17. J Westervelt	do		217	do	do
	18. M Waterbury	do		213	do	do
	19. [216] S Stymets	Occup[t]		165	Duane street	do
	20. A Blanch	do		167	do	do
	21. J Tallman	do		168	do	do
	22. S Shirley	Owner		170	do	do
	23. J Struck	do		171	do	do
	24. J Halsey	do		174	do	do
	25. do	do		176	do	do
	26. R Busze	do		187	do	do
	27. J W Mulligan	do		248	do	do
	28. W Pinckney	do	N°	88	Eldridge street	do
	29. Do	do		90	do	do
	30. M M[c]Manus	do	N°	41	Elm Street	do
	31. W Remsen	do	N°	18	Front street	do
	32. C Ray	do	N°	142	do	do
	33. C W Townsend	do	N°	44	Fulton street	do
	34. do	do		46	do	do
	35. J Fardon	do	N°	16	Leonard Street	do
	36. M Baxter	do		32	do	do
	37. do	do		36	do	do
	38. A Bogart	do		52	do	do
	39 S Bogert	do		54	do	do
	40. S Green	do		58	do	do
	41. C Bush	do		62	do	do
	42. G Frost	do	N°	278	Pearl street	do
	43. do	do		280	do	do
	44. W Hays	do	N°	76	Reed Street	do

45.	M Howser	Owner	78	Reed Street	A Privy
46.	J Defaud	do	108	do	do
47.	[217] Bn Westerfield	do	111	do	do
48.	W White	do	134	do	do
49.	B Westervelt	do	109	do	do
50.	W Lawrence	do	143	do	do
51.	F Kain	do	144	do	do
52.	J *Deddres* [Dederer]	do	168	do	do
53.	J Concklin	do	170	do	do
54.	S Henderson	do	189	do	do
55.	P. Bruly	do	No 35	Spruce street	do
56.	J C Coe	do	No 309	Spring Street	do
57.	A Corriel	do	311	do	do
58.	G J Duryea	do	313	do	do
59.	N Bunce	do	No 10	Thomas Street	do
60.	J Batchelor	do	12½	do	do
61.	F Odell	do	16	do	do
62.	J Demarest	do	18	do	do
63.	J A Bogert	do	28	do	do
64.	J Ryker	do	30	do	do
65.	W Bunting	do	36	do	do
66.	J Johnson	do	38	do	do
67.	M Cregier	do	No 1	Warren street	do
68.	do	do	3	do	do
69.	R G Wilson	do	No 169	Water Street	do
70.	H Webb	do		Cannon St	A Lot
71.	P Ogilvie	do		Stanton St	do
72.	J [T] Jeremiah	do		Delancy Str	do
73.	G Fish	do		Ludlow St	do
74.	B Wint[h]rop	do		do	do

Geo: Cuming Cr Inspector

[218] His Honor the Mayor stated to the Board that he had received information from the Commissioners of the Alms House that there were some amendments to the Poor Law which were highly important to this City to be made and he recommended that a Committee should be appointed to proceed to Albany to procure the necessary amendments to be made during the present session of the Legislature Whereupon it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed for that purpose. His Honor the Mayor accordingly appointed the following Gentlemen on the Committee Mr Pittman Ald Lamb Mr Mott

Alderman Reed presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to report a a Warrant in favor of the Committee on cleaning the Streets for $2000, preparatory to the 1st May

Alderman Agnew presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to Report to this Board at its next meeting on the propriety of repealing the Law relative to Licence being granted in any case to Minors

[219] Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Resolved that George W Morton be and he is hereby appointed to Act as Clerk of the Common Council during the sickness of the present Clerk Jacob Morton Esqr

Mr Valentine presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the Side Walks to be laid in the following streets Broome street on the Southerly side from Columbia street to the East River, Rivington street Southerly side from the Bowery to the East River, Sheriff street from Grand to Rivington streets, Grand street Southerly side from Arundle to Division street—Division street North side from Arundle Street to Grand Street

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman White which was referred to the Police and Watch Committee and it was Resolved that their report be made the Special order of the day at the next meeting of the Board—Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the conduct of the Police and Watch in entering the House of Mr Collet No 42 Broad street on Sunday evening 26th March and report their opinion to the Common Council whether the legal rights of Mr Collet or any other individuals have been violated by their being forcibly taken from said house and detained at [220] the Watch House during the night.

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman White which was referred to the Comptroller

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to present to the Common Council a Statement of the Expenditures authorised by Resolutions of this Board and which have not been included in the estimates of that Officer in his Annual Report

Upon the recommendation of Alderman White and Assistant Van Wyck of the 3d Ward it was Resolved that William A Seely Esqr be and he is hereby appointed a Trustee of the Free School

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to furnish the Members of this Board with a Copy of the Report of John Targee Jonathan Thompson & Wm S Smith Commissioners appointed to Value the public property in the year 1820

Mr Schieffelin presented the following which was referred to the Road Committee

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to report his opinion as to the feasibility of the proposition and the probable advantage to the Public [221] of contracting with Individuals for sustaining in a constant state of reparation the various Highways now in use leading from the City to the Northern extremity of this Island and that the said Commissioner be required to report the probable amount of remuneration which shall be demanded by contractors in the aggregate and of each severally limiting the enquiry to the Bloomingdale & Middle roads and the Third Avenue

Alderman Rathbone presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that, that part of 13th Street between the present opening on Stuyvesant Street and the East River be opened

The following was presented and referred to the Police Committee—Resolved that all applications of Minors for Licences as Cartmen be referred to his Honor the Mayor

The following presented by Mr Rathbone was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that in cases in which the Wells and Pumps are required to be removed from the Streets as incumbering the Carriage way and side walks—The same be so removed at the expence of this Board

[222] Alderman Rathbone also presented the following Resolved that Avenues A B C & D between North and 14th Streets be opened

Mr Valentine presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Assessments

Resolved that the several Assessors for regulating Streets &c shall in no cause allow to the Collectors of Assessments a greater sum than five per Cent for making such collections

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 27 March		5.57
Recd for Tax 1825		25.400.
Streets		7.000.
Rents		3.465.25
Justices Courts		673.71
Fines &c from Attorney		519.83
Mayoralty fees		198.25
		$37.262.61

65 Accounts Audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt—Watch	1st	District	971.25
Hibbard & Clark	2d		775.25
Bleakley & Stagg	3d		750.75

Jacob Hays High Constable		1 Qutr Salary	1 Inst..	125.
Astin & Higbie Messenges		1 Mo	" ..	62.
O Ayres Asst City Inspector		1 Mo	" ..	47.25
[223] J Coffin Asst City Inspector		1 Mo	" ..	47.25
C Myers Keeper Pottersfield		"	" ..	69.75
C Gilman Keeper Battery		"	" ..	31.
A McCready Keeper Park		"	" ..	31.
R Jaques Street Inspector	1st Ward	"	" ..	38.75
P Wright "	2d	"	" ..	38.75
J S Martin "	3d	"	" ..	38.75
N B Lyon "	4th	"	" ..	38.75
I. A Isaacs "	5	"	" ..	38.75
J M Thomas "	6	"	" ..	38.75
B Fuller "	7	"	" ..	38.75
J Stevens "	8	76 days	" ..	95.
H Mott "	9	2 Months	" ..	73.75
D Hubbard "	10	1 Month	" ..	38.75
J Woodruff "	11	"	" ..	38.75
R Graves Street Comr Actt repairs Park & Battery.....				500.
Wm A Prince Carpet for Mayors Office.....				110.13
T Cornell T Parker C Crane Sunday Service 6th Ward 42 days				63.
J Morton Clerk C C for 3 Acts hack hire.....				12.
B Hicks Asst Board of Health		1 Mo 1 Inst.....		47.25
J Pinckney do		" "		47.25
L Baum Clerk Washington Market		" "		75.42
J Bremner " Catherine		" "		62.
J Gilbert " 3 Markets		" "		50.
P Ammerman " do		" "		49.50
G Duryea " Fulton		" "		41.66
R Smith " Franklin		" "		41.66
[224] I Asten Sweeper Fulton Market		" "		38.59
H Maxwell Dist Attorney Claim against Corporation.....				1273.59
R Riker Recorder 1 Qutr Salary 1 Inst.....				375.
G N Bleecker making Alphebetical list of Jurors.....				150.
Oliver Morse refreshments for Jury Septr. 1825.....				55.
Prior & Dunning Stationary & Maps.....				47.19
G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Qurtr 1 Inst.....				971.64
J Dunn & Sons repairing Lamps 1 Qur 1 Inst.....				413.87
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Mo: "				226.94
G Snethen Superdt Lamps 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst.....				137.50
Abm Leggett work Mud Scow 12 days to 9 Inst.....				131.66
A Burtis Supr Alms House & Officers 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst				650.
J. O. Woodruff Keeper Penetentiary & Assts 1 Qur " "				587.50
John Colvill Coroner Fees 3d Jany to 1 April.....				431.87
P Stagg T. R Smith J Slidell Comrs fees & Expences opening Cliff from Ferry to Fra[n]ckfort Street				376.97
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees & Court Charges do			do	355.14

R Munson J Towt T R Smith Com[rs] fees & Expences opening 6[th] Street & closing Greenwich Lane fr[m] B Way to 6[th] Avenue	751.04	
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees & Court Charges do do	324.56	
Trustees 1[st] Associate Reform[d] Church award opening Wooster Street from 4[th] to Art Street	1295.	
Heirs of Elizabeth Depeyster bal of Award do do	765.64	
Trustees 2[d] Associate Reform[d] Church bal of Award do do	408.66	
Heirs of Elizabeth Depeyster bal Award open[g] Mercer Street from Jones Lane to Art street	680.85	
D. S. Jones bal of award do do	664.57	
[225] J Pinkerton Ac[t] reg & pav Chamber S[t] from Broadway to Greenwich S[t]	550.	
O M[c]Cabe Ac[t] reg & pav Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson S[t]	400.	
H Smith Act[t] reg Water Street fr Catherine to Market Slip	300.	
E W Bridges Surveys &c 1 Qu[r] 1 Ins[t]	207.	
T R Ludlow do " "	33.50	
R Graves Street Com Repairs of Roads	500.	
J. P. Roome Super[dt] Repairs for Lamp Department	289.	
J. P Roome " for Repairs	416.	
Mechanics Bank 2 Bonds 1 Sep[tr] 1825 10.600		
24 Au[t] " 8.000		
Intrest 3 Mo 10 days... 310		
	18.910.00	
		37.245.95
Balance		$16.66

The Board Adjourned to meet this day fortnight at 5 OClock P M

[226] In Common Council April 24[th] 1826

Present The Hon[bl] Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Jun[r]	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
W[m] P Rathbone	Ab[rm] M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John J Labagh Jur was received stating that he had procured 16 large blocks of Stone for the Gate ways of the new Burying Ground by order of the late Committee and requesting Instructions how to work them was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places with authority

[227] A Petition of Cornelius Ray for relief from Assessment for regulating 8th & 9th Avenues was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of the Exchange Company remonstrating against the lines adopted by the Corporation for improving Sloat Lane was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of the Trustees of the African Church corner of Church and Leonard streets praying the Corporation to grant them Engine House No 31 was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Ebenezer Allen for remission of Assessment for filling in Water Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Robert Cudday to be appointed Inspector of Fire wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Nathl Slosson to be appointed a Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Memorial of the Superintendant of the Alms House respecting the Medical Department of that Institution stating that it wanted a revision as the [228] number of Patients are greatly increased was read and referred to the Committee on the Fever Hospital

A Petition of Caleb Ferris for relief on Assessment of a Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants to regulate and pave the Bowery from Jones street to 14th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John C Symmes for permission to deliver Lectures in the Session Room in the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices together with the Recorder

A Petition for straightening the South side of Garden Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Phinehas B Carman to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

The Petition of John Stewart for Office of Captain of Night

Watch and the Petitions of Abraham Bogart Joseph Archer, James Seguine, N L Asten, Joel Miller Nathaniel Bayles James E Hyde Andrew Sinclair [229] William Britt and David Field to be appointed Assistant Captains of the Watch were referred to the Watch Committee.

A Remonstrance against confirming the Assessment of the Broad street sewer and culverts was read and laid on the Table. Afterward called up and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Abijah Adams for a Lease of vacant Lot of Ground in Old Slip adjacent to the Market was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the President and Faculty of Columbia College and Inhabitants of Murray street against the p[r]actice of shaking Carpets on the Side Walks of the College in Murray Street was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Cornelius M^{c}Coy for a Water Grant in Harlaem River adjoining M^{c}Combs Bridge was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas S^{t} John to be appointed *to be appointed* a Measurer of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of John P Deiterich to be appointed Auctioneer for the Corporation was read [230] and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Joseph Place for permission to remove his house in Brooklyn on a line with the adjoining buildings was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John Fardone John Targee John P Anthony and others to widen Frankfort street from Chatham to William Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of many of the Inhabitants of the 12th Ward praying for relief against the danger and damage arising from the Continual violation of the Law to prevent the discharging of Fire Arms was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Anson Blake praying that the houses in Pearl street may be numbered was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to cause them to be numbered

A Memorial of Isaac Halsey for a strip of Waste Ground in Bancker street in front of his premises was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Lawton to have a mistake in the Assessment

for opening 6th Street corrected [231] was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of George Peck owner of a house and Lot of Ground in James Street praying that the adjacent ground may be regulated so as to remove an existing Nuisance was read and refered to the City Inspector

A Communication from the Assessors of the 8th Ward relative to the remission of a Tax to Samuel Prince was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Gideon Harden praying to be relieved from the maintenance of two Children now Paupers or to take them from the City to support them himself was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Brooklyn Lighters praying for an Alteration in the Mode of Collecting wharfage in relation to Lighters &c was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of sundry persons to have the 15th Wood Inspection district divided and an Inspector appointed thereto was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Joseph Wood to be appointed [232] a Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Joseph Williams and others concerning a Well corner of Factory and Perry Streets 9th Ward was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Isaac Loofborrow to be appointed Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of James H Delamater to purchase a Gore of Land belonging to the Corporation situate corner of 85th street & 5th Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Overstock (a Minor) for a Cartmans Licence was read & Laid for consideration

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants North of Grand street to have Gas lights was read and referred to the Special Committee on Gas viz Mr Engs Recorder Mr Mott Alderman Lamb & Taylor

A Petition of the City Dispensary praying for the usual donation &c was read—Ordered that a Warrant be issued for the usual sum

[233] An Invitation of A Malapar to the Common Council to visit Castle Garden on Thursday afternoon next was read and accepted.

A Petition of Eleazer Hall for Office of Sealer of Weights & Measures was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

His Honor the Mayor presented the following Copies of Laws passed at the last Session of the Legislature [which] were directed to be filed viz

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements in the City of New York passed April 13th 1826—also An Act to amend an Act relating to Common Schools in the City of New York passed April 8th 1826

The Watch Committee to whom was referred a Resolution directing a General inquiry into the Watch Department and who presented a Report on the 27th March last which was laid for further consideration was now called up and read as follows

The Watch Committee to whom were referred a Resolution on the 30th January directing a general inquiry into the Watch Department Respectfully Report—That they have had frequent meetings on the subject committed to them and have exerted themselves [234] to obtain that practical information necessary to form correct opinions, and now lay before the Board the result of their labours according to the order of the resolution referred

Your Committee have on various occasions and at such unexpected seasons as to render it certain that their visits were not anticipated visited the Watch Houses. have found them clean and orderly as far as regards the watchmen, and that in general proper respect is paid to commanding officers, and a wholesome subordination used in all their regulations—The watchmen as a body are men to whom your Committee feel confident our citizens may properly confide the safety of their lives and property. They are, however, men; and it would hence be unreasonable to expect that they should be faultless or that there should not be among them those who dishonor their station. Such have been found and promptly dismissed, and your Committee believe that a rigid adherance to the present test for qualifications, will rid the watch of its improper members, and ensure to the City, a corps whose active exertions and integrity may be relied on. On the whole your Committee find the Watch system to require improvement and the[y] will suggest what those improvements should be

The whole number of Watchmen in this City including officers, is Two hundred for each nights service. These are apportioned to the different districts in the manner following

[235] First District	64	Postmen and	12	Roundsmen is	.....		76
Second	do	52	do	8	do	.....	60
Third	do	50	do	8	do	.....	58
3 Captains and 3 Assistants						.....	6
							200

The Postmen enumerated above include those at the various public Buildings, and the Cupola and door men at the Watch Houses

The Captains and Assistants and Ninety seven watchmen are on duty during the night throughout the City

The number above stated your Committee believe to be insufficient to watch the City properly: and having taken every advantage by altering posts so as to increase the usefulness of the present number are of opinion that the addition of Twenty four more is required, which will allow four to be on duty in each district more than there now are

Your Committee have had under consideration the addition of another district. At first view it presented to them as the most proper plan of Improvement, but more mature consideration has suggested objections as to expence and Locations, which induce them to report against such addition

The advantages, however, which it was proposed to obtain by adding a Fourth district, your Committee are of opinion can be realized by the adoption of another plan, less expensive, and calculated for the present to answer all necessary purposes; is as follows.

To add six assistant Captains to the Watch, [236] two for each district; allowing of course but one on duty each night. It is the opinion of the Captains of the First district, and your Committee, that the addition of an assistant and four Men, together with the advantage of double the number of roundsmen engaged in the other districts, will afford all the protection that district requires, but in the second and third districts, it is proposed to establish relief Watch houses. The distance on the outposts being so far from the main watch houses as to require too much time in relieving, with this view, it is recommended to cause a room of sufficient sise to be erected in the rear of the Engine House to be built at the corner of Delancy and Attorney streets, for the use of the second district, and to occupy the room over the Engine houses at the Corner of Hudson and Christopher streets for the third district. The men at each of these houses to be under the control of one of the Assistant Captains and to be in such number as the Captains of the district and your Committee may decide. All prisoners to be taken to the main Watch house.

If the foregoing recommendations of your Committee are carried into effect, the number of Watchmen employed for each night will be two hundred and twenty seven, and there will be constantly on duty Three Captains Six assistants and one hundred and nine Watchmen; ninety four of the latter being post men and fifteen rounds men, whose

duty it is to visit the Posts by divisions every two hours during the night.

[237] It has been found necessary to alter the districts in order to bring the men as nearly equi-distant as possible from the Watch Houses to which they belong and your Committee subjoin a resolution embracing this alteration.

The estimated expenditure required for the improvements proposed in this report is Ten thousand dollars per annum

The ninth section of "A Law to regulate the City Watch makes provision, that whenever one of the Captains is unavoidably prevented" from commanding, it shall be the duty of one of the other Captains to attend in his stead. Thus frequently obliging one Captain to serve every night in succession for weeks, it will be manifest to the Board, that such duty must in some degree, unfit a man for the performance of it and your Committee therefore hope and recommend that provision be made, so that the command shall devolve on the assistant oldest in Commission, on that particular watch, to take command whenever his captain is "unavoidably prevented"

Your Committee indulge themselves with the hope, that the alterations proposed by them, will afford all the security to our Citizens, that they can reasonably expect from a City Watch, without entering into an expence unwarrantable even in our growing prosperity and population

Respectfully submitting the result of their investigations they offer the following Resolutions

[238] Resolved that the Watch Committee be instructed to add Twenty four men to the watch of each night to be equally divided between the three districts, and that their services commence on the first day of May next

Resolved, that six additional assistant Captains be appointed previous to the said first day of May, whose duties shall be such as are prescribed by the ordinances of this Board and in the preceding report

Resolved, that whenever one of the Captains of the Watch is unavoidably prevented from performing his duty, it shall be the duty of the assistant oldest in commission on his watch, to take command, and perform all the duties of the captain, for which he shall receive the like compensation; the provision contained in the 9th Section of *a* "A Law to regulate the City Watch," to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs be instructed to add to the engine House to be erected at the corner of Delancy and Attorney streets, such a room as shall be necessary for a relief Watch House,

in the second district; and that the upper part of the building at corner of Hudson & Christopher streets owned by this Corpora be and the same is hereby appropriated for the same use in the 1 District.

Resolved, that the Watch Districts shall hereafter be as foll First District, commencing at the Foot of North Moore stree Chapel Street, thence through Chapel to White street, thence thr White Street to Orange street [239] thence through Orange to Ba Street thence through Bayard to Mulberry street through Mulb to Chatham street down James Street to the East river and inclu all that part of the City South and West of said Line. Second Dis commencing at the foot of James street, up James street to Chat street through Chatham to Mulberry street thence through Mulb street to Bayard street thence through Bayard to Orange street th through Orance to Grand street thence through Grand to Mulb street through Mulberry to Broome street thence through Bro street to the Bowery as far as the Lamp and watch districts ext including all North and east of the said line

Third District All the City within the Lamp and Watch dis not included in the above

Resolved that the Clerk furnish the Chairman of the Watch C mittee with copies of the foregoing resolutions

Resolved that the Counsel for this Board be directed to pre an Ordinance in Conformity with the foregoing resolutions

Jameson Cox
Henry Arcularius
Abraham M Valentin
John R Peters
P. W. Engs

A motion was made to postpone the consideration of the s which was negatived—The first Resolution [240] was then read on the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been c by Mr Van Wyck it was carried in the Affirmative—all the Mem voting in the Affirmative excepting Mr Van Wyck Mr Hitchcock Mr Scheiffelin who voted in the Negative—The Question was taken on the other Resolutions and they were carried in the affirma and the Report was approved and the Resolutions adopted—Mr Wyck gave notice of reconsideration this motion he afterwards w drew

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Resolution di

ing them to report their opinion as to the propriety of Repealing the Law authorising the Licensing of Minors as Cartmen presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Resolution on the propriety of repealing the Law relative to Licences granted in any case to Minors

Respectfully report that they have taken the Matter of said Resolution into consideration and have come to the conclusion that said Law ought to be repealed and accordingly submit an ordinance for that purpose

John Yates Cebra
Effingham Schieffelin
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Whereupon the same was approved and the Law [241] presented by them was passed under the Title of "a Law to repeal the "Law entitled a Law in relation to licensing Cartmen"

The Police Committee to whom was referred a Resolution to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate Hackney Coaches and Carriages presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution to amend the Law entitled a Law to regulate Hackney coaches and Carriages Report—That they have drafted a Law making the amendments required by the said Resolution and have also added thereto some further amendments which in their opinion are considered necessary together with a Section providing for the appointment of an Inspector under said Law—All which is herewith respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Scheiffelin
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Law proposed by them was passed under the Title of "a Law entitled a Law to regulate Hackney Coaches "and Carriages and for the appointment of an Inspector therein" Mr Valentine gave notice of reconsideration—This notice he afterward withdrew

[242] The Police and Watch Committees to whom was referred to enquire into the conduct of the Police and Watch in entering the House of Mr Collet No 42 Broad street on Sunday evening the 26th March

and to report their opinion whether the legal rights of Mr Collet or any other individuals have been violated by their being forcibly taken from said house and detained at the Watch House during the night presented a Report—His Honor the Mayor stated that the report was signed by three of the Police Committee and but by two of the Watch Committee which did not form a majority of the two Committees to whom the Resolution was referred. It was contended that [by] the 21st Rule of the Board which requires each report to be signed by a Majority of the Committee the report could not be accepted—It was on the other hand contended that Alderman Davis having been at the time of the appointment of the Committee absent from the City and still continuing absent that he should not be considered as one of the joint Committee—The Mayor however decided that the Report was not in conformity with the 21st Rule & could not be accepted—It was then moved that the 21st Rule be dispensed with on this occasion The Question being taken thereon and a Division having been called thereon by Mr Coe it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative—Ald Cebra Gilford White [243] Lamb Reed Rathbone Mr Bolton VanWyck Hitchcock Arcularius Engs Peters Schieffelin 13

Negative—Mr Recorder Ald Agnew Cox Taylor Ostrander Mr Mott Lozier Coe Valentine Pittman 10

Mr Valentine then stated that he should move at the next meeting for a reconsideration of the Vote given

His Honor the Mayor decided that the motion was not in order. The Mayor then proceeded to read the Report when after reading the same it was Resolved that the further consideration be postponed—Alderman Agnew then moved that the Report be taken into consideration at the meeting of the Common Council on this day 4 weeks and that it be made the order of the day at that Meeting which was agreed to

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Susan Degraw for Stall No 1 Grand Street Market presented the following Report

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Susan Degraw for a Licence for Stall No 1. Grand Street Market formerly occupied by her husband now deceased respectfully report that in the [244] opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Licence be granted to Susan Degraw for Stall N° 1. Grand Street Market

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of J W Hartell for Licence of Stall N° 33 Washington Market reported in favor of the same as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of James W Hartell respectfully Report—That the Stall N° 33 Washington has been occupied by the petitioner since the death of his Father for and on account of his Mother and family that the Petitioner is now of age and qualified to conduct the Butchering business on his own account and that his Mother desires the transfer should be made—Your Committee think well of it and respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
Jno Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[245] The Market Committee on the Petition of Joshua C Angevine for Stall N° 3 Greenwich Market reported in favor of the same as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joshua C Angevine for a Licence for Stall N° 3 Greenwich Mark[et] Respectfully Report their opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following Resolution—Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
Jno Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James D Carpenter for remission of part of his Tax reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas D Carpenter of the Eighth Ward to be released from excessive taxation on Personal property in 1825 Report that it appears by the Oath of the Petitioner and Certificate from the Assessors of said Eighth Ward hereunto annexed that the Petitioner was erroneously taxed on $10,000 instead of Two thousand dollars personal property Therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Thomas D Carpenter of the 8th [246] Ward be and he is hereby released from payment of personal Tax for 1825 except on $2000 personal property or if paid that the same excess be remitted

John R Peters
P C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of William C Rhinelander for remission of Tax reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William C Rhinelander—Report that by referring to the annexed Certificate of the Assessors of the first Ward it appears that No 130 & 132 being on one House & Lot Broadway led to an erroneous & excessive Valuation—of $12,500 and that the Tax on said excess of $12,500 ought to be remitted Therefore Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that William C Rhinelander be and he is hereby released from payment of Tax of 1825 on excessive valuation of $12.500 on property 130 & 132 Broadway or that the same be remitted if paid

John R Peters
P C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[247] The Committee of Assessments on the Petition of D & R Crommeline for Correction of a Tax reported in favor of the same as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Complaint of David Crommelin of excessive taxation of personal prop-

erty Report that it appears by the Certificate of the Assessors of the 5th Ward hereto annexed that David Cromelin ought to pay Tax for 1825 on $2500, personal property and that Rowland Crommelin ought to pay Tax for 1825 on $500 personal property and that any excess ought to be remitted to each respectively Therefore respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of David Cromelin be and the same is hereby remitted except on $2,500 and also that the personal Tax of Rowland Cromelin be remitted in like manner except on $500.

Jno R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessment on the Petition of Henry Lynch to be released from an excessive Taxation reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Lynch to be released from excessive Taxation on personal property in 1825

[248] Report that it appears from examination and oath of the Petitioners and Certificate of the Assessors of the 3d Ward that the petitioners was assessed on $20.000 personal property in 1824 and that on application to the Common Council he was released from payment on the excess over $5,000 of which fact he notified the Assessors of the 3d Ward in 1825 and therefore omitted to apply to them in any other manner for reduction

That he has been assessed on $20.000 personal property in 1825 And that it appears by the oath of the Petitioner and by Certificate of the Assessors of said 3d Ward hereto annexed that he ought not to pay Tax on more than $5,000 personal property—Therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Henry Lynch be and he is hereby released from payment of personal Tax for the year 1825 except on $5.000 or if paid that the excess be refunded to him

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Jur

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Wm W Todd for remission of Tax reported as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Wm W Todd Respectfully report

[249] That on an examination of the Petitioner on oath and of the receipt in full of the Collector for Taxes against the Estate of the late Gerard Depeyster and of the examination of Collector or arrears—your Committee are convinced that the facts set forth in the annexed Petition (to which they refer) are correct and that the Petitioners as Adminstrators or Executors to the said Estate ought to be relieved and that this is one of those Cases of most perplexing hardship upon owners or agents of Real estate orriginating in slight errors of Assessors or Collectors of wards and subsequently by reason of sales by Collector of Arrears without the knowledge of the owner or agent although advertised by the Collector of Arrears—your Committee submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Petition of W W Todd in regard to part of the Estate of Garard Depeyster deceased in the Twelfth Ward be referred to the Counsel of this Board with Instructions to take proper Steps to restore said property *the* [to] the owner (where furnished with the receipt of the Collector and other necessary papers by the Petitioner) and also to recover the incidental expences from person or persons in fault

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was [250] referred the subject of the sale of Real Estate by the Collector of Arrears presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Subject of Sales of Real Estate by the Collector of Arrears—Report that E Classon is the owner of House & Lot No 23 Cannon Street that he has always been assessed for the same and paid his Tax regularly in due season that he was assessed and paid the Tax, $4.1\%_{00}$ in 1821 that owing to an erronious entry of one or more Lots on the Assessors Books of 1821 than actually existed in the Block it appears that the Numbers on the Assessors Books were prefixed to the wrong Lots

whereby Mr Classons No 23 was placed to a Supposed Lot marked unknown owner. The Collector of the Ward discovered the Error and wrote on the Margin Error in Lot previous to his return of the Collectors Book Nevertheless the Collector of Arrears disregarded the note on the Margin and proceded and advertised and Sold the House & Lot of Mr Classon for a term of Years—as he alledges that instances frequently occur of Assessments turning out to be Correct when Ward Collectors have noted an error—Mr Classon was ignorant of the advertisement or Sale of his House & Lot until within a few months when the purchaser demanded possession and the Rents whereupon he employed Counsel to ascertain his rights and Petitioned this Board

On due investigation of Mr Carrol M Cahagan Collector of Arrears and of Assessors & Collectors of Wards and [251] referring to frequent Complaints of cases simular to the foregoing it appears that the Collector of Arrears notify the owner or agent if conveniently to be found and then advertises previous to a sale—but it frequently occurs as in the case of Mr Classon that no notice reaches the owner or agent and that property is sold a Long time before they are apprised of it—In case where the Tax is duly paid and a Claim for arrears orriginate in an error of the assessor or Ward Collector or Collector of Arrears the hardship is quite perplexing to the owner and subjects the Corporation to frequent applications for redress—The Committee take pleasure in stating that they consider Mr Carrol Cahagan a verry respectable safe and competent Officer But the fees on Collections not much exceeding $200 pr annum he cannot afford to attend at the Hall except occasionally

It appears to your Committee that it is quite important that the Collector of Arrears should be found at the Hall in business hours—Therefore submit to the Board whether it would not promote the public interest and Convenience to assigns the duty of Collector of Arrears to some Competent person whose other occupations require his daily attendance at this Hall

Your Committee farther recommend that in all cases of Claims for Arrears of Taxes on Real Estate That it be the duty of the Collector to serve written or printed notices on the person or at the then residence of the then owner or agent of such Real estate and [252] if his or her person or residence is not found then in such case that a conspicuous notice be placed on the premises thirty days previous to a Sale of the same and that the expence of the said notice in either case be a part of the incidental Charges on the property

All which is respectfully submitted with the subjoined Resolutions

Resolved that the duties of Collector of Arrears be and the same are hereby assigned to First Clerk in the Comptrollers Office from and after the first day of May next

Resolved that the foregoing recommendation of the Committee on Assessments in regard to notices of Sale of Real Estate for arrears of Taxes be and the same is hereby adopted

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted and Tallman J Waters appointed Collector of Arrears

The Law Committee to whom was referred to enquire and report whether the seat of Daniel E Dunscomb as a Member of the Common Council has been vacated reported as follows

The Law Committee to whom it was referred to inquire and report *& report* whether the seat [253] of Daniel E Dunscomb as a Member of the Common Council has been vacated by his removal from the City of New York Respectfully Report—that from the documents annexed and other sources, they are satisfied that the said Daniel E Dunscomb has removed from the City of New York and has ceased to be a resident of the said City and that in the belief of the said Committee, he does not intend to return to the said City that therefore in the opinion of the said Committee it presents a Case contemplated in the Charter and also in the Law of the State, of such a removal from the City as vacates the Office of Alderman of the Eighth Ward of the said City

The Committee thereupon recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Office of Alderman of the Eighth Ward of the City of New York, is vacant, by virtue of the provisions contained in the Charter and also in the 13th Section of the Act entitled "An Act to reduce several laws relating patricularly to the City of New York into one act" in consequence of Daniel E Dunscomb Esquire having removed out of the said City of New York

Resolved that an Election be held in the Eighth Ward of the City of New York on Monday & Tuesday the 15th & 16th days of May next at the House of Peckwell & Battin Corner of Broadway & Grand street for the purpose of electing an Alderman of the said Ward to supply the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Daniel E Dunscomb

Esq[r] (late Alderman of that Ward) [254] out of the City of New York

Resolved that Cornelius Harsen James Barkley and Thomas T Woodruff be appointed Inspectors of the said Election and that such Election be held for two days only

P. C Van Wyck
Tho[s] Bolton
E Scheiffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee appointed to attend the Legislature to procure an alteration of the poor Laws presented the following Report

The Special Committee appointed to attend the Legislature for the purpose of endeavouring to procure an alteration of the Poor Laws

Respectfully Report, That in pursuance of their appointment the Committee proceeded to Albany without delay and found on their arrival there, that a Bill had been reported to the Assembly, to amend the Act for the establishment of County Poor Houses, which contained a clause repealing the 8[th] & 9[th] Sections of said Act These sections prohibit the removal of a Pauper from a Town in one County to a Town in another County and subjects the party making or causing such removal to Fine and imprisonment

Your Committee conversed with as many Members of the Legislature as the[y] could conveniently do [255] before the subject came up for consideration, and represented to them how uneaqual unjust and oppressive the present System had proved to the City and the increased number of Paupers which had been thrown upon it by the operation of the present Law. The truth of these representations was admitted by all but the remedy proposed by the Bill was considered by many particularly objectionable

There appears to be a great aversion in the minds of many Members of the present Legislature to the reestablishment of the Old System which they represent to have been cruel expensive and an endless source of Litigations

When the bill above mentioned came up for consideration in the Assembly the repealing clause was after considerable discussion rejected

A new Clause was then offered to the Bill by a Member from this

City granting an additional sum of Money to the City for the support of the Poor, which was also rejected, and the relief prayed for by the Common Council in their Memorial to the Legislature has not been obtained

All which is respectfully submitted

Anthony Lamb
William W Mott
Lemuel Pittman

Which was Approved

[256] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Comptroller on the Finances of the City presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the "Report of the Comptroller on the Finances of the City" beg leave respectfully in part to report

That the suggestions of the Comptroller embraces extensive and important changes in various Departments under the control of the Common Council and your Committee are desirous of obtaining the opinion of the Standing Committees specially charged with these subjects: in order to enable your Committee to mak[e] a final report to the Board: and with this view they now submit the following Resolutions

Resolved—That so much of said Report as relates to increasing the revenue arising from Wharves Piers and Slips be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

Resolved that so much of said Report as relates to the expenditure for Streets be referred to the Committee on Streets

Resolved that so much of said Report as relates to the Salaries of the District Attorney, Clerk of the Court of Sessions and Crier of said Court and also to the employment of Constables & Marshalls be referred to the Law Committee

Resolved that so much of said report as relates to the expenditure for Roads be referred to [257] the Committee on Roads

Resolved that so much of said Report as relates to the Coroners fees be referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that so much of said Report as relates to placing the Lamp Department under the direction of the Superintendant of Repairs be referred to the Committee on Lamps

Resolved that so much of said report as relates to increasing the

revenue of the Fire Department be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
John Agnew
Thos Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Finance Committee on the Petition of William Paulding James Jarvis and William Agnew for a grant of Amity Lane report as follows

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of William Paulding James Jarvis & William Agnew for a Grant of part of Amity Lane cost this Corporation the sum of Three hundred and twenty four dollars and thirty four Cents and that the proportions which the petitioners ought to pay for the same are as follows Wm Agnew $31 $^{8}/_{100}$ [258] William Paulding $65.$^{7}/_{100}$ & James Jarvis $226 $^{5}/_{100}$ These estimates have been made in the Street Commissioners Office—And your Committee offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the usual Conveyances to the above named Gentlemen for their proportions of the abovementioned part of Amity Lane agreeably to a Map thereof made by the Street Commissioner & for the consideration money above mentioned and the usual expences & that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following Report & resolution relating to Public Docks &c.

The Finance Committee beg leave to represent that they have directed the usual annual Sale of the Public Docks & Slips to take place on the 26th Inst—and that as the purchasers will have to take possession on the first of May it is proper that the Leases should be executed and security Bonds taken, if possible previous to that time

Your Committee therefore respectfully [259] offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution—Resolved that the Leases of the Docks and Slips be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board, and that the Finance Committee examine and approve the security Bonds to be given by the Lessees

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following Report in relation to the Heirs of Williamson

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Jno B Montgomery and others That in the year 1816 there was awarded to the heirs of Richard Williamson the sum of $94 for opening Thompson street which not having been demanded, still remains in the Treasury—That your Committee therefore consider it proper to offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner audit in the usual manner, the claims of the respective heirs of the said Richard Williamson for their share of the said Award, together with interest accor [260] ding to Law from the 10th April 1826 (the time when the same was demanded)

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following Report in relation to Lease of D McCarthy

The Finance Committee respectfully report that the Lease heretofore granted to Leah Day of the lot at the corner of Chatham & Duane streets now held by Dennis McCarty expires on the first of May next—and contains a Covenant of renewal

That referees have been appointed to fix the rent on the renewal, as your Committee & Mr McCarty could not agree as to the amount of Rent—but that the referees have also differed, and have accordingly

agreed upon an umpire to decide the question—And they think it proper that regular arbitration bonds, usual in such cases, should be entered into—to bind the parties to the decision of the umpire

To this your Committee see no objection, and they respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the necessary Bond in the [261] above matter to be drawn by the Counsel, be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Campbell P. White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and Pump in Chamber street near Hudson street reported as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the third Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a well & Pump in Chamber street near Hudson street—Report that in their opinion a Well & Pump are necessary at that place and as no objections have been offered thereunto they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Campbell P White
P. C Van Wyck
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The following resignation of Azel Conklin [262] as Captain of the City Watch was presented

To the Hon: the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened—After acknowledgeing my gratitude to your Honorable body for the appointment of Captain of the Watch, pe[r]mit me to resign the same, Understanding that disatisfaction has been exp[r]essed towards some of my late official Acts, I can only say that my intentions were always good, however I may have erred in judgment—my object always was to discharge my duties promptly, and so as to promote the public good Finding that I have

not been so fortunate as to give perfect satisfaction in my office, I beg leave respectfully to resign the same I remain your Obt Servant

Azel Conklin

Which was accepted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Barrow street near Greenwich Street presented the following report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Barrow street near Greenwich street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and as no objections have been offered they submit the following Resolution

[263] Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Jno R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of James J Blauvelt for a Well & Pump corner of Barrow & Washington street presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well & Pump in Barrow street near Washington street—Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and as no objections have been offered they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Jno R Peters

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of property on the Bowery praying that a Law may be passed prohibiting the erection or continuance of porches or porticoes presented the following Report and draft of a Law [264] which was laid for further consideration

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening 21st street between 3d Avenue and Hudson river presented the following report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition for opening Twenty first street between the Third Avenue and the Hudson river.

Report that they have caused the same to be advertised for objections thereto (if any there were) and as none have been Offered they are of the opinion the same ought to be carried into effect and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that 21st street be opened from the Third Avenue to the Hudson river and that the Counsel to this Board have the same carried into effect and that such part of Love lane as shall not be within the bounds of 21st street be closed

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom [was] referred the Petition of sundry persons to have Hudson street regulated and paved &c reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred [265] the petition of sundry persons to have Hudson street regulated and paved from Hammond Street to beyond Bank street & Greenwich street paved to Bank Street and also Bank street from Assylum street to the River

Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to pave Hudson street but that it be regulated from Hammond to 13th Street, they also recommend that Bank be paved accordingly they submit the following resolutions

Resolved that Hudson Street be regulated from Hammond to 13th Street

Resolved that Bank street be regulated & Paved from Assylum street to the River

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P. White
Wm P Rathbone

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Lewis Cannon Columbia Pitt & Broome streets paved presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for paving the side walks of Lewis street Cannon street Columbia street [266] and Pitt street from Grand street to Rivington street

and also on the Northerly side of Broome street from Arundle street to the East River—Report that in their opinion the sidewalks in those streets ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following resolution—Resolved that the side walks of the foregoing streets be paved

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
William P. Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening and extending 4th street from the Bowery presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petitions for opening and extending Fourth street from the Bowery to the East river and Fifth street from the first Avenue to the East River Report, that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the owners of the property thereon are desirous of improving the same Accordingly the following Resolution is submitted

Resolved that Fourth street be opened from the Bowery to the East river and that Fifth street be opened from the First Avenue to the [267] East river and that proper measures be taken by the Counsel to this Board for [having] the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee on the Petition to have Broadway repaved presented the following Report

The Street Committee respectfully call the attention of the Board to the subject of repaving Broadway between the Bowling Green and Canal Street—for the information of the Common Council they represent that on application to have that street repaved the last season, the then Street Committee reported that owing to the lateness of the season it would be impracticable to have the work completed and recommended that it be postponed to the ensuing spring that time having now arrived your Committee suggest the propriety of having

the work contemplated carried into effect and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Broadway be repaved [268] between the Bowling Green and Canal Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Sreet Committee on the Petition of Geo: H Stanton & others respecting the Well & Pump opposite No 46 Pearl street reported as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Well in Pearl street opposite No 46 filled up inasmuch as the water thereof is unfit for use, and the pump out of Repair—Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Well opposite No 46 Pearl street be filled up provided it be done at the expence of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[269] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to have the Carriage way of Ridge street between Rivington and Delancy street Paved presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for paving the Carriage way of Ridge street between Delancy and Rivington street, Report that in their opinion Ridge street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Ridge street be paved from Delancy to Rivington Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
W S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Persons for opening and Continuing Elizabeth Street from Bayard to Chatham Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for opening and continuing Elizabeth Street from Bayard to Chatham Street Report that they have had the subject under their Consideration and have heard the remonstrances against [270] the same and are of the opinion that the benefits and advantages to that section of the City will not warrant the very great expence that would attend the opening of that Street, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry persons to have the side Walks paved in Ludlow street from Grand to Stanton street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for paving the side walks of Ludlow street from Grand to Stanton Street. Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Ludlow street be paved from Grand street to Stanton Street

Wm P Rathbone — Jacob B Taylor
C. P. White — Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[271] The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution for repaving Cherry Street from Catherine to Pelham street presented a Report which was laid on the Table for further consideration

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Resolution respecting the removing of Wells and Pumps from the Carriage way at the Public expence presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution, that in cases in which the Wells & Pumps are required to be

removed from the Carriage way or side walks of the streets as incumbering the same, that they be so removed at the Public Expence— Report that in their opinion such course ought to be adopted as the expence of placing them where they are has been borne & paid by the owners of the Property in their Vicinity and were so located by former Members or Committees of the Corporation of this City

Your Committee accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Wells and Pumps improperly located so as to incumber the Carriage way or side walks of any of the streets of this City be removed therefrom under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the respective wards [272] in which such Well & Pump so incumbering shall be required to be removed

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for opening and extending the Avenues A. B & C between North and 14th Streets, and so much of Avenue D as has not been opened between 7th street and the East River presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for opening and extending the Avenues A B & C between North & fourteenth street, and so much of Avenue D as has not been opened between 7th Street and the East river Report that in their opinion the aforesaid Avenues ought to be opened inasmuch as the improvements in that section of the City require it Accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved the Avenues A B & C be opened from North to Fourteenth street and that Avenue D be opened to the East River and that the Counsel to this Board take measures [273] to have the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gideon Tucker & others to have the 5th Avenue regulated from 6th to 13th Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have the Fifth Avenue regulated from Sixth street to Thirteenth street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Fifth Avenue be regulated between Sixth street and Thirteenth Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[274] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Whetmore & others to have Amos street paved presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have Amos street paved—Report that they can perceive no objections to the granting the request of the Petitioners and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution—Resolved that Amos street be paved throughout and the side walks thereof gravelled

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Wm P Rathbone
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening straightning and Improving Garden street on the Southerly side to William Street reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom is referred the subject of Widening Straightning and improving Garden Street on the Southerly side thereof as shewn on a Map thereof commencing at the North easterly corner of the Block opposite the buildings of the Merchants Exchange Company and running thence on a straight [275] line to William Street—Your Committee having carefully examined the subject report the following opinion that It would add much to the beauty and regularity of that part of Garden street should the proposed alteration

be carried into effect as it would thereby produce a uniform front throughout, the passage widened in one part and an unseemly Angle straightned in another, an equal quantity of Ground is proposed to be thrown into the street in one part to that which will be required to be closed in another Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Garden Street be straightned between William Street and the Northerly corner of the Block opposite the Merchants Exchange Companys buildings in a straight line commencing Eight feet four inches on the line of William street as shewn on a Map or diagram herewith presented

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the usual measures for having the subject embraced in the foregoing Resolution carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[276] The Street Committee on the Petition for and Remonstrance against opening Cedar street from William Street to Pearl street presented a Report which was read and laid for further Consideration

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed

For a Well and Pump in Chamber street near Hudson street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin Jun^{r} & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Division Street near Attorney street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For a Well & Pump in Barrow street near Greenwich street & John Targee Ab^{m} Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Barrow street near Washington street and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Columbia street near Rivington Street and John Brower Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

[277] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents

The Street Commissioner herewith covers a return of delinquents

on the assessments for repaving Chamber street from Broadway to Greenwich street—Also on the regulating Water street and flagging the sidewalks thereof from Catherine to Market slips in order that Warrants may issue to Morris D Camp the Collector

Respectfully submitted

R Graves S[t] Com[r]

Whereupon Warrents were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for building a Sewer in Broad street & Also an Assessment for regulating & Repaving Broad street, which were referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Comptroller agreeably to the Resolution of the Common Council presented the following report on Expenditures authorised by Resolutions and not included in his annual Statement

The Comptroller respectfully presents A statement of the Expenditures authorised by resolutions of the Common Council and which have not been included in the Estimate of the [278] Comptroller in his annual Report Agreeably to a resolution of the Board on the 10[th] of April 1826

State Prision	$100.000.
Battery fence—supposed	18.000.
Appropriated for working 8[th] Avenue 13 March	3.000.
H Maxwell Dist Attorney	1.273.59
John W Wyman Acc[t] of Interest	1.205.45
R Strong for Jury List 5[th] ward	100.
	$123.579.04

Purchase of Free School
Cleaning Streets estimate in report $5000.

Respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker Compt[r]

The Comptroller presented a report on furnishing the Assessors with an abstract of the Law relative to Taxes as follows

The Comptroller respectfully reports that application has been made by some of the Assessors for the Laws of the State relative to Taxes—As it would be proper to furnish them with such parts as apply to their duties it is respectfully suggested, that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an abstract of the Laws appertaining to the

Assessors, that the same may be published forth with, and transmitted by the Clerk of the Board to each Assessor

Respectfully s[u]bmitted

G N Bleecker Comptroller

Which was agreed to

[279] The Counsel presented for Execution a Deed to Thomas Stagg for Gore of Land in Cliff Street and Water Grants to Cornelius Ray and to the New York Chemical Manufactoring Company

The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Deed to Thomas Stagg of a Gore of Land on Cliff street pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of the 10th April instant also Water Grants to Cornelius Ray, and to the New York Chemical Manufacturing Company pursuant to the Several resolutions of the Board

respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed

He also presented the draught of a Water Grant to Henry Overing agreeably to the Resolution of the Board which said Overing refuses to accept and relinquishes altogether whereupon the communication was referred to the Finance Committee

The Attorney presented the following on Captains who had neglected to make report of passengers

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports—That Captain Soule of the Brig Mary, Captain Badger of the Brig Blakely and Ezekiah Herriman of the Brig Parker were severally written to for not reporting their passengers since which they have severally [280] made report and paid costs—And that Captain Sinclair of the Ship Empress and Richard Irwin consignee of the Schooner Lady Hunter were severally prosecuted for not reporting passengers since which they have severally made report and given bonds according to Law and paid the costs of suit

The remission of these penalties is respectfully recommended

T Phœnix

Whereupon the penalties were remitted

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer ce[r]tifying the Vacancies

Fire Wardens 9th Ward

Henry Hutchinson—to fill the Company

Fire Hook & Ladder Co
No 4

John Taylor Blacksmith 49 Catherine Str
Vc Philip Smith Resigned

Fire Engine Company
No 4

John Lewis Carpenter 32 Mulberry Street
Vc James M Rose deceased

No 11

John McCrea Shoe Maker Front Street
Vc Horace S Belden Time Expired
Abraham B Purdy Baker William Street
Vc Charles Rosencrants—Resigned

[281] No 12.

John McGowan Morocco Dresser 476 Pearl Street
Vc Walter Welsh—not 21 years of age

No 36.

Otis Harrington Merchant 35 Varrick street
Vc George Buckingham Resigned
Robert R Lorton House Carpenter 4 McDougall St
Vc Richard Kelsey—Resigned

No 37

Samuel M Styles Carpenter—Allen n Rivington Street
Vc Peter W Sandford—Resigned
Jacob H Commerdinger Dock builder Chrystie C Grand
Vc George Dominick Resigned
Levi Sandford Shoe maker Orchard n Rivington Str
Vc Frederick Horton Resigned

No 41

William Brown Shoe Maker Forsyth Street
Ve Jeremiah Loofborrow—Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

No 1.	Ts Cummings	Owner	No 64	Arundel Street	A privy
2.	F Ridabock	do	436	Broadway	do
3.	E Simpson	do	449	do	do

4.	Wm Gracie	Agent	19	Cedar street	A privy
5.	Dl Hollis	Occupt	58	do	do
6.	[282] A Arden	Owner	64	do	do
7.	G Thorburn	do	66	do	do
8.	E Colgan	do	68	do	do
9.	M & P Allison	do	No 218	Church street	do
10.	M Adams	do	93	Eldridge street	do
11.	R E Wortendyke	do	4	Franklin Street	do
12.	J F Delaplaine	do	85	Nassau street	do
13.	J T Ewing	do		New Street Cor Wall St	do
14.	Wm M Gooding	Lessee	No 511	Pearl street	do
15.	James Brooks	do	513	do	do
16.	D Selden	Agent	13	Stone Street	do
17.	do	do	15	do	do
18.	J Farrell	Owner	6	Temple Street	do
29.	Wm N Dyckman	do	19	Thames Street	do
20	do	do	21	do	do
21.	Ts Buckley	do		Bancker Street	A Lot
22.	J M Ketchum	Lessee		Cherry Street	do
23.	F Broadway	Occupt		Elizabeth Street	do
24.	J Graham	Owner		North Street	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well & Pump in Attorney Street near Division Street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump near the Junction [283] of Division with Attorney Streets Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much wanting at that place and as no objections have been offered thereunto they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Abm M Valentine
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th & 11th Wards on the Petition for a Well & Pump corner of Columbia and Rivington streets reported in favor as follows

The Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th & 11th Wards to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Columbia street near Rivington Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the

Petitioners ought to be granted and as no objections have been offered thereto they submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Abm M Valentine
Lemuel Pittman
Wm P Rathbone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[284] The Petition of James B Dominick for Stall No 3 Centre Market was read and referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of James B Dominick Butcher for Stall No 3 Centre Market now in the occupancy of Nicholas Goodman who is willing to Surrender the same Respectfully Report that in the opinion of your Committee the prayer ought to be granted and respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
Jno Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Recorded[r] presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Committee for celebrating the Completion of the Erie Canal for Two thousand five hundred dollars

Alderman Ostrander offered the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to enquire into the propriety of increasing the Salary of the [285] Street Commissioner and deputy Street Commissioner

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that, that part of Little Water Street north of Anthony Street (in the 6th Ward) be paved

Alderman Agnew presented the following resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee in conjunction with the Counsel of the Board to adopt and carry into execution

some more efficient and energetic plan, by which in accordance with the existing Laws of this State on the subject—The navigation of the waters within the jurisdictional limits of the City & County (with particular referrence to the North River) may be cleared from existing obstructions arising from the stakes, poles netts &c connected with the fishing establishments carried on in said Waters

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices—Resolved that as the duties of the Street Commissioner have become so arduous as to require the aid of a Clerk The Committee on Public Offices be instructed to report on this subject stating the p[r]obable Salary that a suitable person for that situation can be obtained and their opinion as to the propriety of such [286] Clerk being selected by the Street Commissioner

Mr Engs presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to investigate and report the cause of the inattention of bell ringers in many of the Churches of this City in neglecting to ring the bells of such Churches on alarms of Fire—And whether any provision is necessary on the part of this Board to ensure more faithful attention to this necessary duty, and if so their opinion of what that provision should be

Mr Hitchcock presented the following Resolution which was agreed to—Resolved that the East side of New Slip from Water to Front Street be paved

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Account 10th Inst		16.66
Recd for Tax of 1825		11.580.79
	Streets	10.252.17
	Rents	1.836.72
	Lamps	332.21
	Tavern & Excise Licence	200.
	Wells & Pumps	170.
	Justices Courts	161.24
	Mayoralty Fees	105.
	Cartmens & Porters Licences	80.75
[287]	fines &c of Sheriff	30.06
	Commutation Alien Passengers	15.
		$24.780.60

30 Accounts Audited and ordered to be paid

Conklin & Blauvelt Watch	1st Dist	971.25	
Hibbard & Clark	2d	775.25	
Bleakly & Stagg	3d	750.75	

Geo: B Smith Asst Street Commr 1 Qur Sal 15 Inst.....		337.50	
R Graves Street Comr repairs Park & Battery.....		500.	
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall to purchase fuel.....		300.	
Aldm Reed for Committee expences to Albany on the purchase of St Prison.....		77.32	
Samel Stevenson Fees & expences on taking possession of common Lands leased to Danl E Dunscomb.....		16.75	
Abm Leggett work Mud scow 12 days to 23d Inst balance..		92.61	
James Morgan & Son repairs Mud Scow.....		49.25	
T Scott Acct reg & pav Vandam Street from Varick to McDougal Street		1050.	
J Pinkerton Act reg & pav 4th Street from Broadway to 6th Avenue		650.	
J Bailey Act pavd side walks Delancy Str from Bowery to Goerick Street		300.	
H Smith Act reg & repav Bancker Street from Pike to Oliver street		250.	
B McCafferty Act reg Elizabeth Street from Prince to Bleecker Street		250.	
[288] J Pinckerton Act reg & curbd Water street from Pike to Rutgers Street.....		200.	
J Gallagher bal well Attorney Street near Grand street....		88.52	
R Pettigrew bal well Minnetto Sewer.....		55.	
R Pettigrew 1 payt Bank near Hudson Str.....		53.46	
R Pettigrew bal Well Bancker near Rutgers Str.....		52.	
J Gallagher Senr 1st payt Well Amos near Factory street..		43.26	
Ald Reed Chairman Committee on Cleaning streets.....		2000.	
J Mapes Treasur Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 Mo 13 Inst...		200.	
John W Wyman in full for services as Clerk of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & General Sessions &c.....		4854.64	
Jacob P Roome Superdt repairs for repairs.....		1120.	
Jacob P Roome do Fire Departnt		500.	
Jacob P Roome do Wells & Pumps.....		230.	
Arthur Burtis Supert Alms House.....		5000.	
A Burtis do Fever Hospital		3000.	
A Burtis do Working Convicts		1000.	24.767.56
	Balance		$13.04

[289] Special Meeting In Common Council May 1st 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Alderman	Assistant
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	Wm S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
Wm P Rathbone	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial from John Jacob Astor & others in relation to the permanent Regulation of the District of ground which is comprised between the Bowery and the East river and between North street and the Penetentiary and praying they may be heard on the subject— Which was read and laid on the Table

[290] A Petition of James Heard for permission to erect an Iron Railing around his house at corner of Leonard street and Broadway was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward with powers

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Report received from A C Flagg Superintendant of Common Schools stating the apportionment to the City of the money allowed by Law for Schools amounting to $10,274 $^{66}/_{100}$ which was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Abraham Le Foy to be appointed Auctioneer to the Corporation which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Ebenezer Whaley for Office of Captain of City Watch was read and laid on the table

The following Petitions for Office of Inspector of Hackney Carriages were read and laid on the table Vizt Richard P Lawrence Elisha Williams Del Carmichael Ezra Frost

A Petition for the establishment of a New Market at Gouverneur Slip was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[291] A Petition of R K Moulton and others praying that Garden

[Street] may be opened and widened between William & Broad streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John G Vought for permission to establish a bathing House at Pier N° 1 near the U S Boat house was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Remonstrance against removing the Pump from opposite to N° 53 Water street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward

A Remonstrance against the Petition of Joseph Place to bring out his House on a line with the Street in Brooklyn Village was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Anderson for Office of Captain of the City Watch was read and laid on the Table

A Petition that the houses fronting on Greenwich Street North of Vesey street may be correctly numbered was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done

[292] A Petition of Inhabitants of 3d & 5th Wards that the Piers at the foot of Chamber and Duane Streets may be extended 320 feet in length was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Peter McCartee and Peter Bonnett for the correction of an error in assessment of property in Cliff street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants that Attorney street may be regulated and paved from Stanton to North street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Christian Truss to be appointed Clerk of Essex market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the heirs of Danl Morrison to build a vault in front of their house in Bowery without any charge by the Corporation was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward to grant the prayer of the Petition on the usual terms

A Petition of Christopher Hampton owner of Lot corner of Lewis and Seventh streets complaining of the Regulation of the Streets and Lots in his vicinity [293] was read and referred to the City Inspector to report specially

The Report of the Street Committee on the subject of Roosevelt Street which on the 10th of April was postponed indefinitely was moved now to be taken up which was agreed to—The Report was accordingly again read in the words following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry owners & Lessees of property on Roosevelt Streets praying that, that street may be so regulated and paved as that the waters of the Street may be carried over the surface to the River—Report—that they have duly considered the subject and are of the opinion that the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted inasmuch as the interests of the owners of property on that street would be thereby promoted and the evils of a Common Sewer be dispensed with—Your Committee therefore earnestly recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that Roosevelt street be so regulated and paved as that the Waters thereof be conveyed over the surface from Chatham Street to the River

Resolved that so much of the Streets intersecting Roosevelt Street as may be found necessary be raised repaved and made to conform to the proposed regulation of said Street

[294] Resolved that if necessary a drain be constructed in Roosevelt Street and the Streets intersecting the same of sufficient capacity to receive the lateral drains from the Lots and cellars adjacent thereto

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Wm P Rathbone

Upon reading the first Resolution on the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called by Mr Hitchcock the same was carried in the Affirmative all the members voting in the affirmative excepting Mr Valentine who voted in the negative—Alderman Agnew [& Mr Hitchcock] were excused voting on the question they declaring themselves having an interest in the property to be affected by the regulation—the Question was then taken on the 2d & 3d Resolutions and the[y] were adopted and the Report of the Committee approved

Mr Valentine gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board call up the Report of the Street Committee for appropriating the ground at Corlaers Hook for a Square or Park

The report of the Street Committee on North street presented on the 10th of April and laid for consideration and which was on the 24th referred to the [295] Street Committee with the profiles was now moved to be taken into consideration which was agreed to

Alderman Rathbone presented a Resolution that the Report and

Surveys of the Commissioners under the Act of 10th April 1823 be so far revised and corrected as to correspond with a Profile for regulating North street now before the Board be adopted—After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Report of the Committee the remonstrance of John Jacob Astor and others presented at this Meeting and the whole subject be referred to the Street Committee with the Law Committee and the Recorder Authority was also given to the Committee to employ additional Counsel if they deem it necessary

Upon motion of Alderman Cox the Board proceeded to Elect a person to fill the Office of Captain of the City Watch of the first District in place of Captain Concklin resigned—When John Stewart was duly elected And it was Resolved that John Stewart be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the City Watch of First District—Nathaniel Bayles and Peter Hull were also chosen Assistants of the first District City Watch—and it was Resolved that Nathaniel Bayles and Peter Hull be and they are hereby appointed Assistants of the first District City Watch

The Board also proceeded to elect an Assistant to the Watch 1st District of Capt Blauvelts Watch when [296] James E Hyde was chosen and it was Resolved that James E Hyde be and he is hereby appointed Assistant of the 1st District City Watch

The Board also proceeded to elect Assistants of the 2d district Watch when Nathaniel L Asten was chosen Assistant of Capt Clarks Watch and William Britt was appointed assistant of Capt Hibberds Watch and it was Resolved that Nathaniel L Asten and William Britt be and they are hereby appointed Assistants of the 2d District City Watch

The Board also proceeded to appoint Assistants to the City Watch 3d District when Joseph Archer was chosen Assistant of Capt Staggs watch and Joel Miller of Capt Bleakleys watch—And it was Resolved that Joseph Archer & Joel Miller be and they are hereby appointed Assistants of the City Watch 3d District

The Board then proceeded to choose by Ballot a person to fill the Office of "Inspector of Hackney Carriages when Stephen McCormick was duly elected and it was Resolved that Stephen McCormick be and he is hereby appointed "Inspector of Hackney Carriages"

The[y] then upon motion proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office of Register of Dogs but after several Ballots no person had a Majority and of [297] consequence no choice was made

Board adjourned untill Monday next 5 oClock P M

[298] In Common Council May 8th 1826.

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Jacob B Taylor	William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander	Philip W Engs
Wm P Rathbone	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Scheiffelin

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Rufus L Lord and others to widen Garden Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Joseph Stickler, and others against opening or widening Garden street between [299] Broad and William Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John R Livingston & others to have Duane Street repaved at Duane Park was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Stephen J Brinckerhoff and others for paving Bleecker street between Broadway and the Bowery was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Trustees of St Patricks Cathedral praying to be relieved from an Assessment for building a Sewer in Canal Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

An Account of John Woodward late Clerk of the City and County of New York for services rendered was presented read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Daniel Strang to be appointed a Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Application for Office

Petitions from Moses J Marks & Starr Parsons to be Licensed as Cartmen were read and referred to the Law Committee

[300] A Remonstrance of the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Garden Street against the contemplated opening of Garden street from William Street to Broad street was read and referred to Street Committee

A Petition of the Trustees of the Church at the corner of Laight and Varick Street for permission to erect an Iron railing in front and along the side of said Church was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward with powers

A Petition of Abraham Van Ranst for the Office of Weighmaster in Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Remonstrance of Abraham Binneger and others against the extension of Elizabeth Street was read and laid on the Table

A Communication from John Griscom respecting the Room occupied by him as a Lecture room in the New York Institution was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences with Powers

An Invitation was received from the Directors of the American Academy of Fine Arts to visit their E[x]hibition on Wednesday next at 12 oClock [301] was read and accepted

An Invitation was received from the National Academy of the Arts of Design to view their exhibition on Saturday next at 12 oClock was read and accepted

A Petition of Samel F B Morse for leave to Exhibit the Portrait of the Revd Mr Sanford painted by him was read and leave was granted to exhibit the same

A Memorial of the National Academy of the Arts of Design for a Lease of the Rotunda was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Georgianna Weldon stating that she is owner of the Lot corner of Duane and West street and has been called upon to fill up the adjacent Lot but not having sufficient funds prays that the Common Council will fill up the same and remunerate themselves for the expence by the sale of so much of the ground as would be necessary which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Levi Ancker for Compensation for services rendered to the Corporation in relation to enforcing the Law respecting Hackney Carriages &c [302] was read and refered to the Police Committee

A Petition of John Fisher for Stall No 10 Grand street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant and Charles Henry Hall praying that the opening of 13th Street between Stuyvesant Street and the East river may be suspended for the present was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Heirs of William McKenny to have an Assess-

ment on a Lot in Canal street refunded was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of N Goodman for the Stand N° 42 Catherine Market John Southwell the present occupant being willing to surrender the same was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of E Bolander for Stall N° 10 Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Rutgers for widening Bancker Street from Oliver to Pearl Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

[303] A Petition of James Post and others for paving the side walks in M^cDougal street from Spring to Houston Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Thomas M^cIntyre to have an enquiry in his conduct as a Member of Fire Engine Company N° 40 was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department It was afterward reconsidered and laid on the Table

A Petition of Peter Aimes to have his case again referred to the Committee on the Fire Department was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of William Colvill & others for a Well and Pump at the Intersection of Cliff and Fulton streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2^d Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Reuben W Folger to be appointed Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

Two Remonstrances against taking the land between Grand Street Water and Corlears street for a promenade was read and laid on the Table

[304] A Remonstrance of W^m C Redfield and others against excluding Steam Boat Commerce from Fulton Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Remonstrance of David Gelston and others against extending 4^th street to the intersection of Christopher street & Herring street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial and Remonstrance of Samuel Y Clark and others against the extension of 4^th Street was read and after considerable discussion the question being taken as to the refereance of the Petition to the Street Committee and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Al^d Cebra Lamb Reed Cox Ostrander M^r Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Engs Peters Valentine Scheiffelin 12

Negative M^r Recorder Al^d Gilford Agnew Taylor Rathbone M^r Bolton Mott Lozier Coe Pittman 10

[305] Accordingly it was carried in the Affirmative and referred to the Street Committee with the Map

A Petition of Philip Newman and others to have little Water street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Richard Willcox proposing a new System for watching the City praying that a Committee be appointed to examine the same was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Joseph Alden and others to have the rent of their Stalls reduced in Fulton Market which was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Gilbert Coutant and others for Wells and Pumps in the Eleventh Ward was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward and the Street Committee

A Petition of Henry Andrews and others for widening Maiden Lane was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie and others against altering Walnut Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[306] A Petition of Francis R Tillou was received stating that the Lease from the Corporation of the place called Castle Garden was Originally to Jonn Rathbone Francis B Fitch and Arthur H Roorback and was by the permission of the Common Council by assignment transferred to said Rathbone and Antoine Malapar that since, an agreement was made between said Rathbone and Antoine Malapar for a transfer by said Rathbone of his interest therein to said Malapar which agreement was executed by said Rathbone but said Malapar has not complied with his agreement with said Rathbone and has since fraudelently assigned the same to his brother Hypolite Malapar—That Rathbone considering his agreement with Malapar void by the fraud of Antoine Malapar has assigned his right to Petitioner and as the Several assignments from Rathbone to Malapar and from Antoine Malapar to Hypolite Malapar have never been authorised by the Common Council Petitioner therefore prays that the Assignment from John Rathbone to Petitioner may receive the sanction of the Common Council which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Isaac Green Pierson praying for the aid of the Corporation to procure a deed of confirmation from the Loan Officers for property in the Vicinity of Bleecker Street &c formerly Mortgaged by Anthony L Bleecker to the Corporation an[d] Conveyed [307] by the Corporation which was read and referred to the Law Committee with powers

A Petition to have Courtlandt Street below Greenwich street repaved was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Committee on Arts & Sciences presented the following report respecting Portrait of William Paulding, late Mayor

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom the resolution was referred requesting William Paulding Esq^{r} late Mayor of this City to sit for his Portrait respectfully report

That the Portrait painted by M^{r} Samuel F B Morse is finished and ready to be delivered to the Committee that the price of the picture is One hundred dollars and the frame to it twenty two dollars—Your Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that a Warrant on the Comptroller for One hundred and twenty two dollars be issued in favor of M^{r} Samuel F B Morse for the said Portrait and Frame

Henry Arcularius
John Lozier

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[308] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Marinus Willett relative to Dellancy Slip presented the following report

The Finance Committee beg leave respectfully to report, on the annexed Petition of Marinus Willett relative to Delancy Slip, That your Committee have examined the said subject and advised with the Street Commissioner thereon—It appears that Delancy street or Slip by the adjoining grant of Col Willett was intended to be of the width of 150 feet Eastwardly from Low water mark of the East River; but that the commencement of the Slip being considerably to the East of Goerck street there is no actual necessity for continuing Delancy street of that width—That Col Willet will Release to the Corporation all his right to any part of Delancy street or Slip opposite his property on the South side of said Street or Slip, provided it is resolved by the Board that Delancy Street shall only be of the width of 100 feet until it reaches to 75 feet below low water mark which is a point 100 feet Eastwardly of the East side of Goerck Street—Your Committee are of the opinion that the proposition of Col Willett is fair and equitable, altho' they do not agree that he has any claim of right in the premises; and they are further of the opinion that Delancy street of 150 width commencing from the West side of Mangin street, will be fully sufficient for every purpose of public Convenience and necessity—This contraction [309] of Delancy Street is also desired by the Executors of

the Estate of William Edgar who own on the opposite side of the Slip and opposite to whose premises the Slip is of course to be contracted in an uniform manner with the side opposite to Col Willets property, leaving the Street or Slip 100 feet wide until it reaches the West side of Mangin street

Your Committee therefore respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, that upon Colo: Willetts executing at his own expense a proper conveyance to this Board of any premises claimed by him which is to form a part of Delancy Street or Slip opposite to his premises on the South side of Delancy Street or Slip, this Board does consent and agree that said Willet and the heirs of William Edgar be respectively discharged from their obligation to make as a Street the said twenty five feet each in front of their premises along side of the aforesaid part of Delancy Slip so that the said Delancy Street or Slip shall only be one hundred feet wide, until it reaches the West side of Mangin street; but that nothing herein shall interfere with the Continuation of said Street or Slip Eastwardly of said line of Mangin street of the width of One hundred and fifty feet.

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Thos Bolton

[310] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred an Application from certain Claimants of a Lot of ground at the corner of Nassau & Wall streets presented the following Report

The Finance Committee beg leave to represent that some time ago, an application was made to the Board by certain claimants of a Lot of ground at the Corner of Nassau & Wall Streets, now in the possession of the Corporation, for an amicable examination of their Claim to the possession of said Lot, but that the petition was afterwards allowed to be withdrawn, and a suit of ejectment was commenced which is now pending. That your Committee deem said claim a proper subject of Reference, in order that an amicable speedy and satisfactory decision may be had on the Claimants right of possession—That said claimants have proposed to refer said suit to one or more persons as referees, and have addressed the annexed letter to the Counsel on

the subject—Under these circumstances your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be authorised to consent to such reference under the advice and direction of the Finance Committee

Campbell P White
John Agnew
[311] Anthony Lamb
M^th^ Reed
Tho^s^ Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of some of the Marshals for taking the late Census presented the following Report

The Finance Committee beg leave respectfully to report, on the Petition of some of the Marshalls for taking the late Census or enumeration of the Inhabitants of this City That it appears that on the 7^th^ July 1825 the Board of Supervisors fixed the compensation of the Marshalls of the 12^th^ Ward at two cents for each person, and of the other Marshalls at one and a half cents—This was done no doubt in order to avoid future complaint, but it seems that the Marshalls had then already been appointed and they are (or some of them are) not satisfied with the allowance thus made; and complain that the Supervisors fixed a Compensation before the duties of the Marshalls were performed, and their accounts presented—It seems that Warrants have been issued for, and the several Marshalls have been paid the amount coming to each according to the tariff thus fixed by the Supervisors some of them however claim to have their accounts again audited according to Law, that is, after their services are rendered others of them claim [312] a further allowance as a matter of Bounty, and not a legal right—Your Committee find it impossible to get rid of the difficulties in this matter in any other manner than by directing the Comptroller to lay before the Board of Supervisors any accounts presented, or that may be presented on this subject in order that the same may be audited as the law required, after the services were performed. This course will enable the Board of Supervisors to [do] what is right in the premises, according to Law, whereas if your Committee undertook even at this time to re-audit these accounts the parties or some of them might still complain, that the Board of Supervisors are the proper auditors of these accounts—Your Committee therefore respectfully offer the following resolution

Resolved that the enclosed papers on the subject of Claims for further Compensation by the said Marshalls together with a Copy of this report, and of all other accounts that may be presented on the subject, be laid before the Board of Supervisors, at their next meeting by the Comptroller, in order that they may audit such accounts of the Marshalls, according to Law, and thus determine whether they ought to be allowed a compensation in addition to that fixed by the Resolution of the Supervisors of the 7th July 1825 and of the Common Council of the 23d December 1825

John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
Signed Mth Reed

[313] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph D Smith Inspector of Fire wood presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph D Smith and Inspector of Firewood to have his district extended

Respectfully report that the Petitioner is Inspector for the 14th district and that it appears by his returns to the City Inspectors Office that his fees for the last year amounted to $459.27/100 that the Petitioner asks to have his district extended in such manner as to take part of the 15th district, The fees of which amounted for the last year to no more than $199 21/100 this your Committee are of opinion would be an act of injustice and are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted—They propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
John Hitchcock
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[314] The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of John Cleve Symmes for permission to deliver Lectures on his new Theory of the Earth in the Sessions Room presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the petition of John Cleves Symmes for permission to deliver Lectures on his Theory of the Earth in the Session Room in the City Hall respectfully report that it is inexpedient to grant the same

Sam Gilford Jur
Wm W Mott
William S Coe
P. W Engs
R Riker
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved

The Committee on Public Offices on the Resolution of Alderman Rathbone relative to a room for the Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the following Resolution

"Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire whether an alteration can be made in the Rooms occupied for Offices in this hall so as to give greater accommodation to the Street Commissioner"

Respectfully report that they have [315] carefully examined the Hall and are of the opinion that the object of the Resolution can only be obtained by bringing into use the Rooms in the Attic Story which can be effected by running a Stair Case from one of the Jury Rooms to the Attic Story in which there are six Rooms which are now useless but by this means could be occupied with advantage—The expence of the proposed Stair Case would not probably exceed Four hundred dollars they therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised to erect a Stair Case from one of the Jury Rooms in the second Story of this Hall to the Attic story thereof under the direction of the Committee on Public Offices

Samuel Gilford Junr
Wm W Mott
P. W Engs
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Groshon and others respecting unloading Ashes in the Streets presented a Report accompanied with a Law on the subject which was

Negatived the Mayor giving the casting Vote the Law was then referred back to the Police Committee

[316] The Comptroller presented the following Report in relation to the accounts of the Treasurer

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the Accounts of Receipts and Payments of the Treasurer for Six months to the 1st Inst Also his Accounts with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the same period and finds them Correct

G N Bleecker Compt

Which was directed to be filed

The Counsel presented the following Report & Resolutions relative to opening certain Streets

The Counsel herewith presents the formal Resolutions for opening Fourth Street from the Bowery to the East River Fifth Street from the First Avenue to the East River Avenue A from North street to Fourteenth Street Avenues B & C from North Street to the East River, and Avenue D from Seventh street to the East River—In the original Resolutions respecting Avenues B & C they were ordered to be opened from North street to Fourteenth Street, but an Inspection of the Maps will shew that the Avenues strike the high Water line of the East River at some distance to the Southward of Fourteenth street and inasmuch as provision is already made in the Water Grants there for continuing these [317] Avenues beyond that line free of expence, The Counsel respectfully suggests that the within resolution be modified as it is now submitted so as to extend from North Street to the East River

He also presents the formal Resolutions for opening Twenty first street and closing Love lane, and for the alterations and improvements in Garden Street, Slote Lane and Exchange Street as the same have passed the Board

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

II. Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to open Fourth street in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New York from the Bowery to the East River Fifth strreet in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New York from the first Avenue to the East River Avenue A in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New York from North street to Fourteenth Street Avenue B in the Eleventh Ward of the City of New York from North Street to the East river Avenue D in the Eleventh

ward of the City of New York from Seventh street to the East River; and Twenty first street in the Twelfth ward of the City of New York from the third Avenue to the North or Hudsons River (the same being streets and Avenues in that part of the said City laid out into Streets and Avenues Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the act entitled "An Act relative to improvements [318] touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807 and that the same are hereby ordered and directed to be done And that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary applications to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect; and that in the application for the opening of Twenty first street as above mentioned there be joined an application to the Supreme Court praying to have Closed all that part of Love Lane or the Abingdon Road from the Bloomingdale Road to the Fitz Roy Road in the said Twelfth Ward of the said City as is not required for the opening of Twenty first Street as aforesaid

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to cause the above mentioned Petitions to be authenticated during the recess of the Board

I. Resolved that it is desirable for the public co[n]venience to straighten and improve Garden Street Eastwardly from William Street and Slote Lane and to widen and improve Exchange Street between William Street and Slote Lane, and to widen and improve Sloat Lane from the Northerly side of Exchange Street to Hanover Square, all in the First Ward of the City of New York, according to the lines and the plan laid down on a Map entitled "Map of Property required for the widening of Garden and Exchange Streets and Slote lane" dated April 1826 made by E W Bridges City Surveyor the same [319] Streets in that part of the said City not laid out into Streets Avenues Squares and Public Places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807 and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done: and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect, and that with the said application there be joined an application to the Supreme Court praying to have that part of Garden Street at the

Southeasterly corner of Garden street and William Street (on which the word "closed" is written in the map above referred to) closed

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor authenticate the Petition during the recess of the Board

Which were adopted and his Honor the Mayor was authorised to authenticate the same during the recess of the Board

The Counsel presented the following Report on opening part of 13th Street

The Counsel respectfully reports that the Supreme Court at its present Term on the 4th Inst confirmed the proceedings for extending 13th Street [320] from the Great Kill or Fitz Roy Road, and the Eighth Avenue Southwardly to the North easterly side of 13th Street and for closing parts of the Great Kill or Fitz roy Road, and the Eighth Avenue Southwardly to the North Easterly side of 13th Street and for closing parts of the Great Kill Road and Greenwich Lane and that the usual abstracts of this assessment have been delivered to the Street Commissioner It will be necessary for the Board to decide whether this opening ought to be delayed, and to appoint a Collector of the Assessments And also to take order for the Sale of the peices of Land which have been acquired by the closing of said roads.

All which is respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Alderman Taylor then presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the said improvement of 13th Street &c as confirmed by the Court be forthwith carried into effect—That the Street Committee take order for the sale of the peices of Land which have been acquired by closing said Roads—And that Morris D Camp be and is hereby appointed to collect and receive the Assessments

Which was adopted and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector accordingly

The Counsel presented the following report to whom was Referred the resolution [321] of the Board and the Petition of William W Todd in relation to the property late of Gerard Depeyster which had been sold for Taxes.

The Counsel of the Board respectfully reports on the annexed Resolution of the Board and Petition of William W Todd in relation to the property late of Gerard Depeyster which has been sold for taxes That inasmuch as by the Report of the Committee on Assessments the said Committee are of the opinion that relief ought to be granted the only measure necessary to restore the legal rights of the owners of said

property is to pass a Resolution directing the Comptroller to report a Warrant in favor of the Street Commissioner for the requisite sum to redeem the said property: provided that the Petitioner pays the balance $4 $^{4}/_{100}$ being the amount of the Tax without interest or expences— Under the circumstances of this case, the Counsel is of the opinion that the only individual against whom any proceedings could with propriety be instituted to recover the loss of the premises is B P Benson late Collector; and that it is rather probable that the attempt to hold him responsible for the deficiency would be unsuccessful—For an Amount of less than $15, it is submitted whether it be worth while to make the experiment particularly as it is evident that it must have been a mere over sight on his part—It was clearly his interest to have demanded and received the whole amount [322] of taxes when he called on M^{r} Todd because his Commissions would have been thereby increased—As he did not do so (altho he called on M^{r} Todd and received $29.$^{6}/_{100}$ for the other parts of Depeysters property) and as he acted in his office under the obligation of an Oath it is manifest it was a mistake on his part detrimental to his own interest and for which if he be liable to the board it must be for a breach of the Condition of the Bond for the true and faithful performance of the Office of Collector.*

The only damage that could be alledged is the loss of the sum which is proposed to be remitted in this case, as sum for which the property in question is legally liable and for which it has been sold—The Counsel rather thinks that if this amount be remitted and paid back after having been actually received, it is a voluntary act of the Board; and that altho, it may be just to afford relief in the Case of M^{r} Todd. the amount thus lost could not be recovered from the Collector of the Ward

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz^{t}

[323] For regulating 5th Avenue to 13th Street and Reuben Munson E[d]mund Smith & John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For paving Amos Street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John M^{c}Kesson were appointed Assessors

For repaving Roosevelt Street and parts of the intersecting streets and for building a drain therein and John Targee Ab^{m} Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For paving the side Walks of Lewis Street from Grand to Riving-

* Marginal note reads *2 R L 350 § 21.*—Ed.

ton Street and Ab^{m} Dally Con^{s} M^{c}Clean & Thomas Herring were appointed assessors

For paving the side walks Northerly side of Broome street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Pitt Street from Grand to Rivington street and John Slidell Ab^{m} Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Columbia Street from Grand to Rivington street and John Brower Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

[324] For paving Ridge Street from Delancy to Rivington street and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For repaving Broadway from Marketfield street to Canal Street and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For paving Bank street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John M^{c}Kesson were appointed Assessors

For regulating Hudson street from Hammond Street to 13th Street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For paving the Side walks of Ludlow street from Grand to Stanton Streets and Abraham Dally Cornelius M^{c}Lean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioners communication on the resignation of Peter Stagg as Assessor for a Well and Pump in Charles Street near Assylum Street and recommending John Brower to be appointed in his place which was adopted

[325] The Street Commissioner presented a Report on Lot N^{o} 650 Bayards East farm

The Street Commissioner respectfully informs the Common Council that Lot N^{o} 650 Bayards East farm with the tenement thereon lying on the Southerly side of Grand Street oppisite the Centre Market was sold for an Assessment the term of which sale having expired and no owner having appeared to claim the same (due notice thereof being given) it is respectfully recommended that the Corporation take possession thereof according to the Statute in such case made and provided

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves S^{t} Com^{r}

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented the following report on the subject of Maps of the Corporation property

The Street Commissioner in obedience to the Resolution passed in Common Council the 14th March ulto directing him to "furnish Maps & drawings of all the City property in Atlas form with remarks and explanations and that each member of the Common Council be furnished with a printed discription or Key to such Atlas together with the probable expence thereof" Respectfully reports that such maps plans and description of the public property contemplated by the Resolution would be of great value to the public [326] cannot be questioned, and that it ought to be carried into effect at any moderate expence cannot be doubted—The Street Commissioner has given the subject considerable attention, and has by consulting the City Surveyors & otherwise endeavoured to ascertain the probable expence of the work—much will depend on the accuracy of the surveys and style of the work

It is intended that it shall embrace the Grants of Land under water on the Brooklyn shore as well as of this Island, Common Lands, Watch Houses, Fire Engine houses and generally all the Lands and premises belonging to the Corporation of this City, it will necessarily require several months, to complete the whole work—When it is considered that much of the required information must be obtained from Actual Survey, as but little dependance can be placed on such Maps and Documents as are now on file in the Offices of the departments particularly as respects the Old water grants, the most of which have been divided & Subdivided since they were given which alone will require much time and labor to examine and adjust

Upon a careful and deliberate view of the whole subject the Street Commissioner is of the opinion that if the work is well done the expence will fall little short of One thousand dollars—If under the foregoing Considerations, the Common Council shall determine to have the [327] work progressed in, every facility shall be given it so as that it shall be completed at as Early a day as could be reasonably expected

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves Stt Comr

The Recorder thereupon presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Maps and drawings in Atlas form of all the Corporation property be prepared by the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Finance Committee for the use of the Common Council

Which was adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed—And Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each Vizt

For building a drain in Mill Street

For Building and filling the Bulkhead across Walnut Street Slip

The City Inspector to whom was referred the Petition of Christopher Hampton presented a Report which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward

The City Inspector presented sundry [328] Ordinances for the Correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

No	1	G Dow[n]ing & Co	owners	Lewis street	A Lot
	2	S Ficket & Co	do	do	do
	3.	Do	do	do	do
	4.	J H Varian	do	Broome Street	do
	5.	J W Mulligan	do	McDougall Street	do
	6.	G Newbold	do	James Street	do
	7.	W Hicks	do	Bancker Street	do
	8.	D Seaman	do	do	do
	9.	J F Delaplaine	do	Broome Street	do
	10.	J *Shaddee* [Shrady]	do	No 142 Duane Street	A Privy
	11.	H Tyson	do	69 Henry Street	do
	12.	M Thompson	do	No 15 Maiden Lane	do

George Cumming City Inspr

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 7

Jacob D Clinch—Brush Maker No 1 Hague Street

Vc John Hazlet—Resigned

Hazel M Cannon Carpenter 1 Hague Street—

Vc James Kearny—Resigned

No 10

Albert P Thomas—Carpenter Bleecker St near Bowery

Vc Thomas S Barnes Resigned

[329] No 11

Henry Ulshoeffer—Student at Law—Reed street

Vc Robert L Godby Time expired

N° 12

William Haggerty Upholsterer 201 William Street
Vᶜ Joseph H Forbes—Resigned

N° 23

James Smith—Turner—Elm Street—
Vᶜ Joseph Durbrow—Time expired
Leonard Baum—Resigned
Chaˢ M Holmes do
Thomas Smith do

N° 25

Thomas S Underhill Broker 80 Eldrege Sᵗ
Vᶜ John Day—Resigned
Frederic A Bokee Accountant 54 Cedar Street
Vᶜ William Day—Resigned

N° 27

John S Van Pelt—Carpenter 45 Watts street—
Vᶜ Abraham Kidney—Appᵈ Fire Warden

N° 28

Richard Aumack Carpenter 81 Green Street
Vᶜ Benjamin Farrington Resigned

N° 30

William Vogell—Carpenter 7 Rivington Sᵗ
Vᶜ Daniel Demeilt Resigned

[330] N° 31

Nicholas H Manderville—Resigned
Jacob W Van Doren do
Peter J Roome do

N° 32

George W Van Alstyne Hatter 188 Bowery—
Vᶜ Joshua Warren—Resigned

N° 34

John J Brown Printer East Bank Sᵗ
Vᶜ William M Howard—Resigned

N° 36

John Hazlet—Tinman 168 Canal Street
Vᶜ Jacob Barger—Resigned

N° 40

John Ferguson Chair Maker Grand Street
Vᶜ Cornelius Read—Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Cº Nº 1

Caleb F Lindsly Merchant 79 Pearl Street
Vᶜ John Bates—Resigned

Fire Wardens 10th Ward

Henry Kip—Cabinet Maker 49 Chrystie Sᵗ
Vᶜ Edward Doughty—Time expired
Schuyler Valentine Grocer Cor Essex & Hester Strᵉ
Vᶜ Leonard Hoffman do
William A Cox—Merchant 70 Forsyth Street
Vᶜ Thomas Truslow do

[331] The Report of the Street Committee on the proposed Square or Park at Corlaers Hook was called up and with the Remonstrances presented this Evening were referred back to the Street Committee

Mʳ Valentine presented the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on Laws

Resolved that no Rule or Order of this Board shall be dispensed with, unless the same shall be required by two thirds of the Members present

Alderman Cox presented the follo[w]ing Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Rutgers street be repaved from Division to Cherry streets

Mʳ Peters Presented a Resolution to enquire into dividing the 15th Wood inspection district and adding part of 16th District which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

Mʳ Engs presented a Resolution as to dividing the 14th & 15th Wood Inspection district so as to equalize the receipts for Inspection which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

Mʳ Engs presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

[332] Resolved that Wooster Street from Broome to Spring street be regulated and paved

Mʳ Engs presented the following which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that the law entitled "A Law to regulate pawnbrokers and dealers in second hand Articles" and all other laws allowing

Licences to be granted to aliens ought to be so amended as to prohibit them from that priviledge

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Engs and accepted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to ascertain how far the provisions contained in the 16th Section of an "Act for Assessment and Collection of Taxes" passed April 23d 1823 as relates to the returns of Incorporated Institutions in this City to the Treasurer of State have been complied with, to the end that the amount of Tax collected on Stocks properly belonging to this County and which have failed to be returned into the Treasury of the City in consequence of a Want of accuracy in the returns of said Incorporated Institutions may be ascertained and measures taken to recover the same

And that said Committee be requested to use exertions to have correct returns forwarded to the Treasurer of the State as required by Law on or before the 15th day of May Inst in order to a correct distribution

[333] Mr Scheiffelin presented the following

Resolved that the limits of the prohibition against the deposit of Manure for sale be so enlarged as to extend to 28th Street from the East to the Hudsons River And it was resolved that the City Inspector cause the heap of Manure deposited in the vicinity of the new alms house to be forth with removed

Mr Van Wyck presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips be instructed to enquire and report on the propriety of erecting a Pier at the foot of Warren Street upon such terms as are provided by Law

Mr Bolton presented the following Resolutions which were adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the Maps plans and Surveys of this City and Harbour now in his office belonging to this Corporation to be framed in a substantial manner and properly varnished so far as he may consider it advisable

Resolved that he be also authorized to procure the most recent plans of Maps of the principal Cities in the Union so far as he may consider them useful and have them varnished and framed in like manner

[334] Alderman Agnew presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller *de* [be] directed to Issue his Warrant for Five hundred dollars for the payment of the Ward Inspectors for sweeping in front of public property heads of Slips Intersections of Streets &c

Mr Peters presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

Resolved that the Committee on Finance be requested to enquire into the expediency of erecting a Bulk head to be filled in by the dirt &c from the Streets in the Vicinity of Christopher Street

Upon motion Resolved that Benjamin M Brown be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of School Money for the 8th Ward

Resolved also that Cornelius Schuyler be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of School money for the 11th Ward

Resolved also that Gideon Lee be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of School money for the 12th Ward

[335] The Comptroller presented the following report

Balance per Actt 24th April	13.04
Recd for Tax of 1825	11.800.00
Streets	7.500.
Rents	6.612.93
Fines &c of Attorney	842.50
Justices Courts	661.49
Wells & Pumps	75.10
Common Lands	49.48
Fines &c of Sheriff	15.06
	$27.569.60

83 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1 Dist	971.25
Hibbard & Clark do 2d "	775.25
Bleakly & Stagg do 3d "	750.75
J Morton Clerk C C 1 Qutr Salary 1 Inst	500.
R Graves Street Comr " " 1 April	400.
A B Martling Keeper City Hall 1 Qutr 1 Inst	200.
C Myers Keeper Potters field 1 Mo 1 Inst	67.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers " "	60.
J Burger—Regulator 4 Public Clocks 1 Qur 1 Inst	50.
O Ayres Asst City Inspector 1 Month 1 Inst	43.75
J Coffin do " "	43.75
R Jaques Street Inspector 1st Ward " "	37.50
P Wright do 2d " " "	37.50
N B Lyon do 4th " " "	37.50
I. A Isaacs do 5th " " "	37.50
J M Thomas do 6th " " "	37.50
[336] B Fuller do 7th " " "	37.50
J Stephens do 8 " " "	37.50
H Mott do 9 " " "	37.50
D Hubbard do 10 " " "	37.50
J Woodruff do 11th " " "	37.50
C Gilman Keeper of Battery " "	30.
A McCready Keeper Park " "	30.

R Graves St Comr for repairs of Battery..... 500.
A B Martling Keeper City Hall Expes Corptn 1 Qur 1 Inst.. 266.10
Richd S Clark Sunday Service 1st Ward 30 days to 22d Apriel 45.
Jas G Finn do 4th Ward 17 days to 1 Inst... 25.50
Fredk Seely do do 17 " " ... 25.50
T Cornell do 6th Ward 3 " " ... 4.50
J Coffin Asst City Inspector removs nuisances 1 Qur 1 Inst 49.33
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst..... 43.75
J Pinckney do " " 43.75
L Baum Clk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst..... 72.92
J Bremner " Catherine " " " ..... 60.
J Gilbert " 3 Markets " " ..... 48.
P Ammerman " do " " 47.50
C Duryea " Fulton " " 41.67
I Asten Sweeper do " " 37.50
O M Lownds Sheriff for Officers attends Courts 1 Qur 1 Inst 1146.25
S Montgomery for officers servs supbenoes 1 Qutr 1 Inst.. 183.62
John P Roome Crier Court Sessions 1 Qur 3 Inst..... 50.
S Stillwell ground rent for Engine No 15. 1 year 15 Inst.. 40.
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qur 1 Inst.... 400.
[337] E Morrill " 4. 6 " " " .... 400.
H Meigs " 5. 8 " " " .... 400.
H Scovell " 7. 10 " " " .... 400.
D M Cowdrey Clerk 1. 2 3 " " " 187.50
G Betts do 4. 6 " " " 187.50
J Campbell do 5. 8 " " " 187.50
W H Smith do 7. 10 " " " 187.50
Samel Titus rent for court 7. 10 " 3 Qur " 75.00
Jesse Howard do 5. 8 " 1 Qur " .... 25.
Wm Sherwood do 1. 2. 3 " 1 Qur " 37.50
Wm B Hitchcock & Co 32 Casks oil..... 1371.83
G Snethen lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst..... 884.34
R Provoost reps do " " 181.09
Van Deusen & Carman Work at Lamps 1 Qutr 1 Inst..... 99.79
R Hatfield Clerk sessions 1 Qur Salary 12 Inst..... 375.
R Hatfield " to pay Witness 1 Qur 1 Inst.... 27.50
P & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qutr 1 Inst..... 483.13
John Montgomery Stationary 1 Jan to 1 May..... 278.15
N Y Daily Advertiser Subscript 6 Months 1 Inst..... 50.
Wm Walker binding Laws..... 17.25
Geo: B Thorp Keeper C Prison & Deputies 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst 450.
John J Howe Physician do " " 75.
Abm Leggett Work mud Scow to 7th Inst..... 163.42
T Cummings Act reg & pav. 6th Avenue from Carmine to near 6th Street..... 600.
[338] H Smith act reg & flag Water Street fr Cath to Market St..... 300.

J Pinkerton act reg & flag Water Street fr Pike to Rutgers St	250.	
J Pinkerton Act reg & pav Chambers St fr Broadway to Greenwh St	200.	
Heirs of Williamson Award wides Thomson Str fr Houston to Sp[r]ing St	94.56	
Wm Gee posting bills 1 Qur 1 Inst	31.25	
H Smith for Stone on Pier at Market Str Slip	54.68	
H Smith removg Earth fr Gouveneur Slip	29.87	
G Charlton 1st payt Well Charles near Assylum St	56.	
R Pettigrew 1st payt Well Charles near Factory	44.	
Abm Labagh p[r]incp. & Interest on Lot Cannon St sold for Taxes	28.27	
J Rappleyea & J G Duyckman Cleening Streets 1 Qur 1 May	1250.	
L Murray Treasr City Dispensary for Vaccine Department 1 year	600.	
Ald Reed Chairmn Committee on Cleening Streets	1000.	
R Riker Chairn Committee for Canal Celebration	2500.	
A Burtis Superdt Alms House	5000.	26.049.36
	Balance	$1520.24

Board Adjourned

[339] In Common Council May 22d 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	William W Mott
Samuel Guilford Junr	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	J Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received the return from the Clerk of the City and County of the Election lately held in the 8th Ward for Alderman of said Ward in place of Daniel E Dunscomb removed from the City by which it [340] appeared that Stuart F Randolph was duly elected Alderman of said ward—The Mayor suggested the propriety of informing Mr Randolph of his Election and requesting his attendance Which was approved of. The

Mayor appointed Mr Engs & Mr Hitchcock to give the information to Mr Randolph, who left the Chamber and returned and Introduced Mr Randolph who took and subscribed the oaths of Office prescribed by the Charter and Constitution—He then took his seat at the Board The Mayor then appointed Mr Randolph on the Committes of Arts & Sciences Assessment & Market

The Clerk of the Common Council presented the following return of Officers holding Commissions under the Corporation who had reported themselves at his Office agreeably to the Resolution of December 26th 1824 The same was ordered to be filed

The following is the return alluded to above

Measurers of Grain

John Wright	No	53	Oliver Street
N Campbell		3	Lombardy Street
Samuel W Disb[r]ow		16	Market Street
Edward Webb		28	Eldridge Street
Isaac Sayres		22	Harrison Street
Aaron Howell		96	Church street
William Frost		40	Rivington street
William Johnson		424	Cherry Street
[341] John Briant		52	Eldridge Street
Samuel Bleecker		76	Catherine Cor of Oak Street
William Pearsall		82	Lombardy Street
Isaac Underhill		40	Oak Street
Joseph Earle		12	Elm Street
Benjamin Work		145	Spring Cor Laurens Street
Jacob Brinckerhoof		72	Chrystie Street
Frederick Mabie		552	Pearl street
Jacob Mabie		552	Pearl street
Lewis Smith		146	Washington street
Aaron Brinckerhoof		5	Allen Street
Charles Thorn		5	Water Street
Edward Byrne		42	West street
Abraham Cole			Renwick next to Spring Street
Alexander Fraser		51	Bancker Street
Benjamin Clark		83	Crossby street
Thomas *Pardunn* [Fardon]		21	Batavia Street
Robert T Clarke		17	Doyer Street
Caleb Sutton		44	Front Street
Samuel Johnson		128	Chrystie Street
Josiah Smith		113	Liberty Street
Joshua Sutton		44	Front Street
William Cornell		155	Chamber Street
William Depew			Cor Mercer & Prince Street
Ebenezer Briggs			Cor Delancy & Essex Streets
James Sands		3	North Moore Street

George Harsin	
Josep Moore	62 Bayard Street
[342] Benjamin Church.....	

Measurers of Lime

Henry Ryer	65 Mercer Street
Caleb Crane	Dominick near Clark Str
Benjn Westervelt	4 Staple Street
Richard Wenman	531 Greenwich Street
William Heyer	38 Robinson Street
William Bussing	Cor Broome & Arundle
Samuel D Throop.....	247 Hudson Street
Thomas Foot	Cor Greenwich & Reed Stree

Measurers of Lumber

Simon Ackerman	554 Broome Street
John Bowen	366 Broome street
Jonathan Hall	40 West Street
Charles Brownne	63 Lombardy Street
John T Ball.....	19 Liberty street
James Hallett	68 Allen Street
Thomas Brown	228 Spring Street
Martin Morse	47 Dey street

Measurers of Charcoal

John Culver	190 Eldridge Street
William Cox	68 Forsyth Street
David Love	30 Bancker Street
[343] George Sibell	149 Orchard Street
John W Wheeler.....	Corner Ludlow & Broome
William Anderson	62 Hester Street
George Greig	176 Bancker Street
John Hogencamp	Washington St near Spring
William C Brooks.....	64 Allen Street
Thomas Wiggins	

City Weighers

Caleb Coggeshall	104 Lombardy street
Abraham Lawrence	86 Bayard Street
A C Van Horn.....	21 Beaver Street
Andrew Bache	9 Market field Street
Andrew R Miller.....	128 William Street
William Onderdonk Junr.....	96 Green Street
William Van Dervoort.....	12 Skinner Street
Stephen S Clay.....	7 Batavia Street
John Dodge	14 Ferry Street
Isaac Wilkens Jr.....	22 White Street
John Moore	108 Fulton street
Isaac B Strong.....	47 Ann Street
David D Crane.....	51 Stone Street

William J Brower.....	125	Lombardy Str
William Brower		
William Ustick	59	Beekman Street
John Marschalk	162	South street
Sylvester Marius	134	Washington Street
Allen Smith	5	Orchard St
[344] Reuben Bunker.....	78	Gold Street
Robert Mitchell	130	Lombardy Street
Isaac Auld	67	Green Street
Charles F Bunner.....	24	Conties Slip
Reuben Wright		Orchard near Delancy Str
Ahasu[e]rus Turk	24	Thames Str
John A Davenport	15	Cedar Street

City Guagers

Peter Demill	45	Murray Street
Charles C Williams.....	167	Hester Street
Joseph C Cooper.....	19	Pearl Street
John E Nexen.....	12	Liberty Street
John Duffy	95	White Street
Jedediah Benjamin	10	Stone Street

Inspectors Fire Wood

Pierson Halstead	126	Pump street
Joseph Toms	85	Crossby Street
James Gritman	57	Spring Street
Joseph B Smith	265	Spring Street
John Smith	226	Water Street
Tunis A Cuyper		Greenwich next to the Cor of Hammond
William Van Wart.....		Christopher between Hudson & Herring St
Jacob Acken		Houston near McDougal
John L Van Kleek.....	103	Laurens St
Arnout Brown	103	Laurens St
William Allen	77	Greenwich St
[345] John Van Osdoll.....	136	Delancy Street
George Mount		foot Grand Street
John Gaffit	16	Desbrosses St
Isaac Paul	90	Reed Street
William D Sloan.....	101	Murray St
John Covert		
William Evans		

Measurer of American Charcoal

Burdett Dixon	240	Grand Street

The following Annual Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House & Penitentiary showing the number of Persons in said Institu-

tions &c was presented and ordered to be published for the use of the Members

Annual Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House Bridwell & Penitentiary of the City of New York shewing the number of Paupers who have been admitted into the Alms House from the 1st day of May 1825 (including those at that time in the house) to the 1st day of May 1826 and the number discharged from and that died in the House during the same period also the number of Paupers now in the house designating their sex & places of birth—The number of Prisoners and vagrants in the Bridewell and Penetentiary, Also [346] an Account of Donations distributed to the Out door poor by the Superintendant and Commissioners during the time aforesaid.

Paupers in, and admitted into the Alms House from the 1st day of May 1825 to the 1st day of May 1826..... 3775
Paupers discharged 1807 Died 500 Total discharged and Died..... 2307

Remaining in the house May 1st 1826..... 1468

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
431	514	328	195	1468

City of New York	State of New York	United States	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	W Indies	Africa	Total
621	109	158	93	34	370	57	8	11	7	1468

Number of Prisoners & Vagrants in Bridewell the 1st day of May 1826. Men 64 Women 34..... 98
Number of Prisoners Vagrants in the Penitentiary the 1 day of May 1826 Men 182 Women 100..... 282
Number of Maniacs in Bellevue Hospital (included above) May 1st 1826 Men 48 Women 50..... 98

Cash distributed to out door poor during the last twelve months Dolls 3244.78
Wood laid in and distributed to same 1635 loads including Carting &c &c 3582.96
Potatoes laid in and distributed to same 3388 bushels Carting &c &c.. 1347.69

$8175.43

[347] Hospital accounts supporting Maniacs at Bloomingdale from the 1st April to 31st Decr 1825..... $3969.14

May 1st 1826

Arthur Burtis
Superdt

The following Letter from the Lieutenant Governor of the State and President of the Court of Errors &c accepting the Invitation of the Corporation to the Court to meet in this City on their adjournment in September next was read

Poughkeepsie May 16—1826

To the Honb[l] Philip Hone Mayor of New York

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you "The Court for the Trial of Impeachments and the Correction of Errors" have adjourned to meet at the City Hall in the City of New York on the fifth of September next This adjournment to meet at New York was in consequence of the Invitation from the Common Council which you transmitted to the Court and the Acceptance of the Invitation were expressed only in the place of the adjournment—As the presiding Officer of the Court it gives me pleasure to communicate the acceptance of the invitation. And I desire you will have the goodness to communicate the same to the [348] Corporation

I am with great respect
Your Obed[t] Servant

James Tallmadge
Lieu[t] Gov & President
of the Senate &c

Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to make the necessary preparation for the accomodation of the Court

An Invitation for the Corporation to attend the examination of the Scholars of the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb was read and Accepted

A Petition of Adolphus Loss for Office of Measurer of Grain was read and laid on the Table he was afterward appointed

A Petition of Owners and Occupants of property to have a Well and Pump in Washington street between North Moore and Provoost street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5[th] Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Thomas Riley to have permission to place an Iron Railing in front of his house N° 1 Provoost street was read and referred to [349] the Alderman and Assistant of the 5[th] Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Charles E Pierson for permission to place an Iron Railing in front of his House N[os] 3 & 5 Provoost street was read and

referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jacob Rabinenau proprietor of the New York Salt Water floating Bath praying that the Common Council may delay the contemplated Improvement of erecting a Pier at the foot of Warren Street he having his Bath at the foot of Warren Street and receiving subscribers &c was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Sundry Persons relative to Measurers of Lime at Spring Street Slip and Duane Street Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Remonstrance of Miles Hitchcock and others against widening Maiden Lane was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Joel White and others to have the Well near the Corner of William Streeet deepened or a new one dug at the Intersection of [350] William and John Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance of Francis Telford and others against repaving East Rutgers Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Peter Valentine and others for a Well and Pump at or near the Intersection of 5th Street and the 2d Avenue was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward

A Petition of Francis Granger for stand No 26 in Washington Market the former occupant Cornelius V Gibson having relinquished the same was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Stephen Odell for a Well and Pump corner of Delancy and Ludlow streets 10th Ward was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of all the owners of property in Harman between Rutgers & Jefferson streets for a Well and Pump under the direction of the proper officers was read and the prayer of the Petition was granted

[351] A Petition of Egbert Davis and others praying that measures may be taken by the Common Council to remove a block or sunken Pier at the foot of Cedar Street Albany Basin was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Richard Grant to be appointed Keeper of the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of Henry Sickels to be appointed Keeper of the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of Henry S Dodge on behalf of Townsend Cock and Joel Concklin for leave to raise money on Mortgage of Leases given by the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie and others for a Well and Pump at the corner of Cherry and Corlaers streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Benjamin Waterhouse and Samuel Reed to rent the public Water between Water and Corlaers streets was read' and referred to the Finance Committee

[352] A Petition of John Earle to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and laid on the Table he was afterwards appointed

A Petition of Bernard Rappleyea and others to have Laurens Street from Prince to Bleecker streets paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel Willetts to be appointed Weighmaster was read and laid on the table he was afterwards appointed

A Petition of sundry Persons to have a specefic measure for Fire wood when sold by the Chord was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of John M Seaman Butcher for Stall No 4 Centre Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for the removal of the public Stable was read and referred to the Special Committee on Cleaning streets of which Alderman Reed is Chairman

A Petition of Gilbert Underhill for [353] Stall No 2 Fulton Market—Jonothan Skillman the present occupant being willing to surrender the same was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Owners and Occupants of and about the Albany Basin foot of Cedar Street praying for the removal of a Sunken Pier or block at the foot of said street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Carriage Owners relative to Stages driving without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Commissioners of the Alms House for a place of deposit for Wood the former place being now occupied and the Public Stable was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Petition of Thomas T Woodruff for permission to erect an Iron Railing in front of his house in Spring street Corner of Broadway was

read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward with authority

A Memorial from the Rector and Wardens of Christ Church in Ann Street and others to have the evil remedied of an Assemblage of Boys every Sabbath [354] in the Engine House adjoining the Church Yard was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Jacob Acker Junior to be appointed Weigher of Hay was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the 6th 4th & 10th Wards

A Petition of John J Browere offering to prepare for the Corporation a Statute of Thomas Jefferson for 4th July next was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences with powers

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Revd George Phillips to be relieved from the Assessment of a Tax presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of George Philips a Minister of the Gospel to be relieved from the Assessment of a tax beg leave to report—That this is one of a number of Cases of the same kind which have been referred to this Committee—That as a difference of opinion existed as to the construction of the Act under which Ministers of the Gospel claim their exemption from Taxation—Your Committee have taken the opinion of Chancellor Kent on the subject which they believe to be correct and to which they shall hereafter conform they [355] also recommend that the opinion be printed

Having particularly examined the case of Mr Phillips they consider him entitled to relief in part—He hired a Lot and for which he is to pay the rent and Taxes—He owns the House upon the Lot: his other property does not exceed $200, the whole Assessment is $1600 upon the House & Lot He is not personally taxed: The House is valued at $500 and the Lot at $1100.

The Committee consider, that the Lot does not belong to him within the meaning and terms of the Act of the Legislature and that therefore the tax upon it is to be paid by some person. The manner in which he has covenanted to pay this tax makes it a part of his rent

With respect to his other property as it only amounts to $700 (a sum less than $1500) he is entitled to the exemption contained in the Act

The Committee therefore recommend the following resolution

Resolved that the Assessment upon the House and Lot of George Philips minister of the Gospel be reduced to $1100.

Resolved that the opinion of James Kent Esq^{r} be published and that Copies of it be furnished to the Members of the Board and the Assessors of the Wards

John R Peters — P. C Van Wyck
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r} — W W Mott

[356] Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Caleb Ferris for relief on Assessment of a Tax presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom were referred the Petition of Caleb Ferris for reduction of Tax of 1825 beg leave to Report that it appears by subjoined Certificate of Assessors of Eighth ward that Caleb Ferris of N^{o} 187 Spring Street was erroniously assessed in 1825 on Fifteen hundred dollars instead of one hundred dollars

Therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Tax of Caleb Ferris of the Eighth Ward for 1825 be reduced or refunded except on One hundred dollars

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
W^{m} W Mott
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of The Trustees of S^{t} Patricks Cathedral to be relieved from payment of Assessment for Canal Street sewer presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees [357] of S^{t} Patricks Cathedral to be relieved from payment of Assessment for Canal Street Sewer Respectfully Report that there does not appear to be any error in said Assessment therefore your Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

John R Peters
W^{m} W Mott
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Heirs of William M^{c}Kinney deceased to have the Old Assess-

ment paid by them on Lots on Canal street refunded presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Heirs of William McKinney to have the Old assessment paid by them on Lots on Canal Street refunded—Respectfully Report

That they have examined the subject and learn that the neglect of said heirs or their representatives has caused the delay of the refunding of said assessment and Offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to refund the Amount of the first Assessment on property on Canal Street belonging to William [358] McKinney deceased, less or deducting the Amount of the last Assessment on said Property—Whenever the Heirs or their Legal Representatives shall execute legal and satisfactory receipts to said Street Commissioner.

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Samuel Gilford Junr
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Williams and William McManus for reduction of Taxes presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Williams and James McManus for reduction of Taxes on account of the Petitioners being Artillerists—Respectfully report That it appears by the accompanying certificates of Colo Theodore F Bredt that the Petitioners were Artilerists previous to 1825 and still continue to serve as such in the Horse Artillery and also by the [c]ertificate of Jeremiah Pangborn one of the Assessors of the Ninth Ward that neither of the petitioners were exempted on any part of their property in 1825

Therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Joseph Williams and James McManus have returned to them [359] respectively amount of Tax for 1825 on Eight hundred dollars to each

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Saml Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Appleby praying for relief in the Case of and Assessment for a Well and Pump in Willet Street near North Street presented the following Report

The Committee of Assessments to whom was referred the petition of William Appleby praying relief in the Case of an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Willet Street near North street

Respectfully report that they have been attended by the Petitioner and also by the Assessors who made the Assessment and from the facts admitted and an Inspection of the Diagrams and Maps annexed the Committee are of opinion that there is an error in making the Assessment—That two Lots in North Street are not Assessed owing to a mistake of the Assessors they supposing that Willet Street was opened farther than North Street—And the Committee are also of opinion that the Assessment is erroneous in Assessing M^{r} Appleby for Three Lots when the [360] whole extent of his ground is fifty feet square making only two short Lots Whereas M^{r} Browns property containing 100 feet square is assessed as 4 Lots, although it covers an Area of four times the extent of Appleby's ground And the rate of Assessment is made upon the other Lots of other proprietors in the same way

The Committee are therefore of opinion that Appleby's property should have been assessed as two lots only and that a deduction ought to be made of the Assessment upon the third Lot amounting to $7.50 It appears however that the assessment has been ratified by the Common Council and that Appleby made no objection before it was ratified—His reason for not doing it is that he knew nothing of the time and manner in which such objections were to be made—Your Committee therefore recommend that it be referred to the Counsel of the Board for his opinion whether the ratification of the assessment can be reconsidered or whether any other and what relief can be afforded in the premises

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}

Which was Approved

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others praying [361] that parts of Moore Pearl Water Broad and Front streets be repaved presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen

Whitney and others praying that parts of Moore Pearl Water Broad and Front streets be repaved—Report that they have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that those streets do not require to be repaved to the extent as prayed for by the petitioners but a part of Moore street and Water street ought to be raised and repaved together with so much of Water street as may be necessary to make it conform thereto—And accordingly submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that it is unnecessary to repave Broad street between Pearl street and South street—Pearl street and Front Street between Broad street and Whitehall street

Resolved that part of Moore street between Pearl and Front streets and part of Water Street betwen Broad and Whitehall streets be raised and repaved together with the Side walks connected therewith

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[362] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant and Charls Henry Hall praying that the Corporation will suspend the application to open 13th Street between Stuyvesant street and the East River presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nicholas W Stuyvesant and Charles Henry Hall praying that this Corporation will suspend the application to open 13th Street between Stuyvesant Street and the East River as it is their intention to cede the same to this Board Report that in the opinion of the Committee it would be unnecessary to apply for the appointment of Commissioners to open said street provided the proprietors of the Lots thereon shall cede the same to this Board and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to open 13th Street from Stuyvesant street to the East River provided the proprietors of the Lots thereon cede the same to this Board on or before the first day of July next

Resolved that in case the said proprietors of Lots on 13th Street shall not on or before the first day of July next cede said street to this Corporation as and for a public street or [363] Highway, that it shall be the duty of the Connsel to this Board and he is hereby required to

make application for the appointment of Commissioners and that the opening of said Street be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks in Forsyth street be paved with flagging or Brick from Rivington to North Street

Presented their opinion by the following report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution—Report their opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that the Side walks of Forsyth street be laid from Rivington to North Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Approved and the Resolution adopted

[364] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of 14th March 1826 directing the side Walks to be laid on the Northerly side of Grand street between Arundle Street and Cannon street presented the following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution—Report their opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks be laid on the Northerly side of Grand from Arundle street to Cannon street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the C C of the 14 March 1826 directing that the side and cross walks be laid in Harman Street and on the South side of Grand from Harman to the East River presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for laying the Side and cross walks of Harman Street from Rutgers street to Grand street and on the Southerly side of Grand

street from Harman Street to the East River—Report that in their opinion the [365] laying of Walks in those Streets is necessary and ought to be carried into effect accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks and Cross walks of Harman street be laid between Rutgers street and Grand Street and of Grand Street on the Southerly side from Harman Street to the East River

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry owners of Property on and in the vicinity of 6th Street & 7th Street between the Bowery and the East River praying that those streets may be opened presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry owners of property on and in the vicinity of Sixth & Seventh streets, between the Bowery and the East river praying that those streets may be opened

Report that in their opinion it will facilitate improvements in that part of the City by having 6th & 7th Opened and as no reasonable objections have been made thereto your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

[366] Resolved that sixth street be opened between the bowery and the East river

Resolved that seventh street be opened between the Bowery and the East river

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the opening of the following streets carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Persons praying that Essex street Norfolk and Suffold[k] Street may be regulated and paved from Stanton to North street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons pray that Essex street Norfolk street and Suffolk street may respectively be regulated and paved from Stanton to North street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Essex Norfolk and Suffolk streets be respectively regulated [367] and paved from Stanton street to North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Freeholders & others of the 11th Ward for the regulating and paving of that part of North street from Orchard Street to the East River presented the following report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of Lots on North street praying that that Street may be regulated & paved from Orchard street to the East river—Report that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly have caused a profile to be made upon which they have delin[e]ated the permanent regulation in Red and which is herewith presented

Your Committee will further remark that as far as they have been able to discover the regulation as marked on the Profile is generally approved by the Owners of Property on that Street—they therefore recommend the *adopted* [adoption] of the following resolutions

[368] Resolved that the Profile of North street as herewith shewn with the red line thereon be adopted as the pe[r]manent regulation of that Street

Resolved that North Street be paved between Orchard Street and the East River

J[a]cob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the 10th of April last directing the Street Commissioner to cause the sid

street from Harman Street to the East River—Report that in their opinion the [365] laying of Walks in those Streets is necessary and ought to be carried into effect accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks and Cross walks of Harman street be laid between Rutgers street and Grand Street and of Grand Street on the Southerly side from Harman Street to the East River

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry owners of Property on and in the vicinity of 6th Street & 7th Street between the Bowery and the East River praying that those streets may be opened presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Sundry owners of property on and in the vicinity of Sixth & Seventh streets, between the Bowery and the East river praying that those streets may be opened

Report that in their opinion it will facilitate improvements in that part of the City by having 6th & 7th Opened and as no reasonable objections have been made thereto your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

[366] Resolved that sixth street be opened between the bowery and the East river

Resolved that seventh street be opened between the Bowery and the East river

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the opening of the following streets carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Persons praying that Essex street Norfolk and Suffold[k] Street may be regulated and paved from Stanton to North street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons pray that Essex street Norfolk street and Suffolk street may respectively be regulated and paved from Stanton to North street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Essex Norfolk and Suffolk streets be respectively regulated [367] and paved from Stanton street to North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Freeholders & others of the 11th Ward for the regulating and paving of that part of North street from Orchard Street to the East River presented the following report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of Lots on North street praying that that Street may be regulated & paved from Orchard street to the East river—Report that they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly have caused a profile to be made upon which they have delin[e]ated the permanent regulation in Red and which is herewith presented

Your Committee will further remark that as far as they have been able to discover the regulation as marked on the Profile is generally approved by the Owners of Property on that Street—they therefore recommend the *adopted* [adoption] of the following resolutions

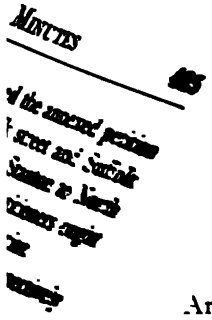
[368] Resolved that the Profile of North street as herewith shewn with the red line thereon be adopted as the pe[r]manent regulation of that Street

Resolved that North Street be paved between Orchard Street and the East River

J[a]cob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the 10th of April last directing the Street Commissioner to cause the side



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Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

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Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

was approved and the Resolution adopted

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Corlaers Street presented the following Report
reet Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition
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: prayer of the petition ought to be granted and accordingly
following Resolution
:d that Corlears street be regulated and paved between Grand
Water street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred
rial of the Superintendant of the Alms House relating to the
epartment presented the following Report
ommittee on the Fever Hospital respectfully report, on the

walks to be laid in the following streets—Broome Street on the Southerly side from Columbia street to the East River—Rivington street Southerly side from the Bowery to the East River—Sherriff Street from Grand to Rivington Street—Grand street Southerly side from Arundle to Division street—Division street North side from Arundle to Grand Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution—Report their opinion thereon in the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks be laid in Broome Street on the Southerly side from Columbia Street to the East River—On the Southerly Side of Rivington [369] street from the Bowery to Goerck Street—in Sheriff street from Grand Street to Rivington street—On the Southerly side of Grand street from Arundle street to Division street—And on the North side of Division street from Attorney Street to Grand Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Blackwell & McFarlin and others for having Water street repaved between the Old Slip and Conties Slip presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for having Water street repaved between the Old Slip & Conties Slip—Report that in their opinion the same is necessary and proper and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners for repaving Water street between the Old Slip and Conties Slip be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[370] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eli Hart and others to have Courtlandt street below Greenwich street repaved presented the following report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Eli Hart & others to have Cortlandt street repaved between Greenwich street and the river—Report that in their opinion it is inexpedient to repave that street and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry persons to have Arundle street regulated and paved between Stanton and North street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons to have Arundle street regulated and paved between Stanton & North street—Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to [371] be granted and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that Arundle street be regulated & Paved from Stanton to North Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition of James Allaire to regulate and pave Corlaers Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have Corlears street regulated and paved—Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Corlears street be regulated and paved between Grand Street and Water street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[372] The Committee on the Fever Hospital to whom was referred the Memorial of the Superintendant of the Alms House relating to the Medical Department presented the following Report

The Committee on the Fever Hospital respectfully report, on the

within Memorial of the Superintendant of the Alms House which was referred to them

That they have reflected upon and examined into the Matter of said Memorial: and understanding that the Medical Department of said Institution is vacant in consequence of the resignations of the late incumbents, there can be no objection to newly organizing it: And your Committee have accordingly consulted with the Commissioners of the Alms House, and obtained such information as enabled them to have a law prepared for the purpose of newly organizing the Medical department of the said Alms House. The said Law is herewith submitted for the consideration of the Board and its passage is respectfully advised and recommended by your Committee

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
William W Mott
Jn° Yates Cebra

Accompanied with the draft of a Law which was laid for consideration, And it was directed that the [373] Report and Law be printed which was approved

The Resignations of J H Rogers as Resident Physician and of J F King as Resident Surgeon of the New York Alms House and Penitentiary was accepted

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Hall for remission of the fine paid by him for selling meat out of his Waggon in the Bowery presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Hall beg leave to report that the Petitioner is a poor man from the Country and was fined for selling small meat out of a Waggon in the Bowery, [this was done in ignorance] and as your Committee believe is his only offence Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the fine ought to be remitted on payment of Costs: and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the fine imposed on George Hall for selling small meat out of a Waggon in the Bowery be remitted on payment of the Costs

John Y Cebra
P C Van Wyck
E Scheiffelin
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[374] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J Groshon and others against practice of unloading Ashes from Carts in the Streets and the resolution prohibiting the deposit of Manure presented the following report

The Police Committee to whom was referred the draft of a Law in relation to the unloading of Ashes: And also a resolution in relation to the deposit of Manure. Respectfully report: that they consider the unloading of Ashes in the Street as a Nuisance which ought to be corrected and that they have inspected the place near 24th Street where a large quantity of Manure is from time to time deposited for sale to the great annoyance of the neighbourhood—They have therefore prepared the draft of a Law, on both the subjects which they submit to the consideration of the Board

John Y Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin
William S Coe

Together with the draft of a Law which was passed

Mr Peters then gave notice that he would call for a reconsideration of the subject

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Moses J Marks and Starr Parsons for Licences as Public Cartmen presented [375] the following Report

The Law Committee, to whom was referred the Petitions of Moses J Marks and Starr Parsons—praying for Licences as Cartmen Beg leave to report, that those persons removed with their families, one from New Burgh and the other from Courtlandt Town with the intention as your Committee believe of residing permanently in the City, and in ignorance of that provision in the Law which requires a Six months residence—Your Committee are of opinion that it would be humane and proper to grant the prayer of those Petitioners and also to grant Licences during the month of May to such persons as having families to support remove to the City, with the Bona fide intention of becoming permanent residents—A Resolution has also been referred to this Committee relative to granting Licences in other cases and contemplating a prohibition to Aliens—Your Committee are of opinion that a provision of that kind would have a salutary effect

To become a Citizen of the United States ought to be considered a high privilege and as Aliens are exempt from many important duties to which Citizens are liable—Your Committee think that Duties and

priviledges should go together and that in conferring those small favors resulting from our City Administration a preference is to be given to Citizens Your [376] Committee have therefore prepared the draft of a Law which they respectfully submit to the consideration of the Board

P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved accompanied with a Law which was passed under the Title of a "Law relative to granting of Licences"

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the African Church corner of Church & Leonard street praying the Corporation to grant them Engine House N° 31 presented the following report in favor

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the African Church corner of Church & Leonard streets praying the Corporation to grant them Engine House N° 31

Respectfully Report that they have enquired into the facts stated in their Petition and inform the Board that Engine House N° 31 has been Located on the Church Ground for the term of 20 years last Past during which time no ground rent has been required and as the House is of small value it being a frame building and not large enough to make it convenient for the Company attached [377] to said Engine. Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners is not unreasonable and ought to be granted they therefore Offer the Following Resolutions

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a house to be built on the ground belonging to the New York sugar Refining C°—in Leonard street under the Direction of the Committee on the Fire Department

John Agnew
Sam^{el} Gilford Ju^{r}

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of extending the Piers at Duane Street Basin presented the following Report in favor thereof

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Third and Fifth Wa praying that Public Pier at the South east side of the Duane S

Basin. the Middle Pier of said Basin, and the Pier at the foot of Chamber street may be extended

Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners request that the said Piers be extended into Hudson [378] River the same distance as Rhinlanders Piers at the foot of Murray Street which is 320 feet from the West side of West street.

The present length of the Pier on the Southwesterly side of Duane street Basin is 298 feet, and the length of the Middle Pier is 340 feet when West Street is continued and completed across said Basin, as ordered by the Corporation, the Southwesterly Pier will be reduced in Length 140 feet and the Middle Pier will be reduced 140 Feet it is proposed to make an addition of 170 feet to the said Southwesterly Pier and an addition of a Block and Bridge to the said Middle Pier, so that the Area of the Basin will when West street is completed remain about the same as it is at present

The present length of the Peir at Chamber street is 250 feet it is proposed to extend this Pier 70 feet making this Pier when extended equal in length to Rhinelanders Pier at the foot of Murray Street

Your Committee have given this subject the most mature Consideration and are of opinion that this arrangement ought to be made.

The Public Basins on the North River are the Albany Basin The Basin between Dey & Fulton streets the Basins at Washington Market. at Duane Street, and at Spring Street

[379] The Albany Basin has been much reduced within a few years and that at Duane street which has been of its present dimensions nearly twenty years, is to be reduced nearly one half during the present season; and there cannot be a doubt but that the rapidly increasing trade of the North River in consequence of the Completion of the Canals, must require a corresponding increase of the accommodations for Vessels on the West side of the City instead of a diminution thereof, and when it is considered that the Duane street Basin is the only public one between Washington Market and Spring street Basin, it must in the opinion of your Committee produce a conviction, of the necessity of continuing this Basin of its present dimensions, which can only be done by the extension asked for

It was formerly the practice your Committee understand to limit the Piers to 250 Feet this Length was probably adopted on the East side of the City in consequence of the narrowness of the River but the ample breadth of the North River removes all objections to an increased extension on the West side of the City—It mus[t] be recol-

lected that when this practice was established the Vessels which frequented our Basins were of a much smaller class than those used at present. Seldom exceeding Seventy Tons burthen whereas those built at present are frequently from 100 to 140 Tons burthen, and the Common Council have [380] in some Instances varied the practice by allowing the Pierrs to be extended 320 feet

Your Committee are of opinion that the Basins formed on West street, which is the present permanent Line for the extension of the City on the West side, ought to be made very Capacious, as it will probably be a long time before any further extension takes place and as the Basins form the only secure harbour for Vessels on the west side of the City

The expence as estimated by the Street Commissioner for extending the Duane Street Piers as proposed in this Report is $8400, and that for extending the Chamber Street Pier at $2.600

Your Committee being fully convinced of the expediency of granting the prayer of the Petitioners and that the Public Interest will be promoted thereby offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Pier at the Southwesterly side of Duane street Basin be extended from its present termination into hudson River 170 feet and that the Middle Pier thereof be extended a Block and Bridge

Resolved that the Pier at the foot of Chamber street be extended Seventy eight feet into Hudson river from its present termination

[381] Resolved that the said Improvements be made under the direction of the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips and the Street Commissioner

Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
Lemuel Pittman
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Special Committee of the Aldermen & Assistants of the 4th & 6th Wards on the Petition respecting obstructions in the Bowery by Hay Waggons presented a Report accompanied with a Law on the subject which after some discussion was referred back to the same Committee

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of N Goodman for the stand N^{o} 42 Catherine Market presented the following Report

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition
: Nicholas Goodman Butcher for Stall N° 42 Catherine Market—
espectfully report—That said stall is now held by John Southwil who
willing to transfer the same to the Petitioner—Your committee
herefor respectfully submit the following Resolution

[382] Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

M^th^ Reed
Jn° Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee appointed to purchase the State Prison
resented the following Report

The Special Committee appointed to purchase the State Prison for
he use of the Corporation of the City of New York Respectfully
eport

That they have performed that duty to the extent of their power
nd submit herewith a Draft of a contract concluded with the three
Commissioners authorised to sell the same under an Act of the Legis-
ature passed March 7^th^ 1825 which contract your Committee request
ay be read and duly authenticated

M^th^ Reed
Anthony Lamb
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the contract was directed to be duly
xecuted

The Finance Committee on the Report of the Counsel respecting a
Water Grant which Henry [383] Overing declines accepting pre-
ented the following report

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the within report
f the Counsel respecting a Water Grant which M^r^ Henry Overing
leclines accepting in front of his upland on the North river North of
Barrow street, that under the circumstances of this case and in as
much as the property in question adjoins the State Prison property
t is advisable that the property should be improved for account of
his corporation M^r^ Overing having declined the grant of the said
Land under Water, it must be either granted to some other person,
r filled in by the public Your Committee think that it can be sold
or more than the expence of constructing the necessary Bulk head
nd filling in the premises to the proper Level and they accordingly
ecommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to enter into the necessary Contracts for constructing the bulk head, and filling in the ground under water from the middle of Barrow street on the North River northerly to the line of the Property of the State, for and on account of this Corporation; and that when the same is completed the property remaining after the opening of Christopher Street be sold at a proper time to reimburse the expense

John Agnew
M[th] Reed—Anthony Lamb

[384] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition of the consumers of Charcoal praying that additional Inspectors may be appointed presented the following Report

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of James Grieg Barnes Underhill Thomas S[t] John Alexander Lewis & Paul Wimer to be appointed Measurers and Inspectors of Charcoal—Report that they have made enquiry respecting the Character and Qualifications of the above Petitioners & believe them to be well qualified to discharge the duties of said Office they therefore recommend that there be elected by ballot from the above Petitione[r]s to fill two vacancies

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved—And James Grieg and Barnes Underhill were chosen—Whereupon it was resolved that James Grieg & Barnes Underhill be and they are hereby appointed Measurers and Inspectors of Charcoal.

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition of Daniel Strang Lewis A Berte R W Folger Joseph Wood and Samuel Willets for Office of Weighmasters Reported in favor as follows

[385] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Strang Lewis A Berte R W Folger Joseph Wood & Sam[l] Willets to be appointed weighmasters

Report that they have made enquiries respecting the character & qualification of the above Petitioners and believe them to be well qualified to discharge the duties of said Office they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Daniel Strang Lewis A Berte R W Folger Joseph

Wood and Samuel Willetts be and they are hereby appointed Weigh-master for the City and County of New York to fill Five vacancies

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office on the Petition of Phineas B Carman for Office of Measurer of Grain reported in favor as follows.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Phineas B Carman to be appointed a Measurer of Grain

Report that they have made enquiries respecting the Character and Qualifications of the above petitioner & believe him to be well qualified [386] to discharge the duties of said Office they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Phineas B Carman be and he is hereby appointed a measurer of Grain for the City and County of New York

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted—It was also Resolved John Earle Adolphus Loss and H T Whellen be and they are hereby appointed Measurers of Grain

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court at its present Term the 12th Inst confirmed the proceedings for opening 32d Street which was referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Leases of Docks & Slips to Thomas R Smith & Jacob B Smith have been executed on the part of the Lessees—Whereup[on] the same was directed to be laid upon the table

The Counsel presented the following Report

The Counsel herewith presents for execution a renewed Lease to William Alburtis for 21 Years [387] of the Lot in Duane Street known as N° 18 on the Map at the Annual Rent of $180 which rent was fixed by arbitration under the direction of the Finance Committee

Respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed—Viz

For Repaving Water Street between the Old and Coenties Slips and John Slidell Ab[m] Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For laying the Side Walks and Cross walks in Harman Street f[r]om Rutgers to Grand Street—And on the Southerly side of Grand Street from Harman Street to the East river and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For laying the side walks of Forsyth street from Rivington to North street and Abraham Dally Corn[s] M[c]Lean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For regulating and paving Arundle Street from Stanton to North street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy and Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

[388] For repaving parts of Water and Moore Streets and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John M[c]Kesson were appointed Assessors

For paving North street between Orchard street and the East river and John Targee Abraham Baudoine and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For laying the side walks in parts of Broome, Rivington, Grand Division and Sheriff streets and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For regulating and paving Essex Street from Stanton to North Street and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For paving Corlaers street from Grand to Water Street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John M[c]Kesson were appointed Assessors

For laying the Side walks of Grand street on the Northerly side from Arundle to Cannon street and John Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

For Regulating and paving Suffolk street from Stanton to North Street and William Torrey [389] Alexander Coffin and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For regulating and paving Norfolk street from Stanton to North street and Samuel S[t] John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

N° 2

Ralph Peck—Cartman 82 Essex S^tr^ V^c^ Henry Boyce—Resigned
Burtis Banks—Cartman 284 Suffolk S^tr^
V^c^ Frederick Weed—Resigned

N° 5

Samuel B Collins Accountant 125 Fly Market
V^c^ Jacob W Field—Resigned
John Huthwait—Brush maker 35 Rose street
V^c^ Robert Vanderpool—Time expired
John Small—Jeweller 48 Rose street
V^c^ Richard P Dunn—Time expired

N° 6

John Coddington Carpenter 55 Anthony S^t^
V^c^ John Selkirk—Resigned
Cornelius M Simonson Chairmaker 139 Chamber Street
V^c^ Caleb C Tomkins—Resigned
[390] William Hoffmire Grocer Cor Duane & Chappel
V^c^ William Breslin Resigned
James Hoofmire Carpenter 55 Anthony Stret
V^c^ Robert Struthers Resigned

N° 7

Zephaniah Mullen Brass Turner 27 Mulberry S^t^
V^c^ John *Haithwaite* [Huthwaite]—Resigned

N° 10

Freeman Lyon—Carpenter Bowery near Grand ^st^
V^c^ William Taylor—Time expired
John Buckout—Carpenter 5^th^ Street near Bowery
V^c^ Daniel M^c^Carty—Resigned

N° 16

Henry B Greenwood—Grocer Cor Jay & Greenwich S^t^
V^c^ Neil H Doyle—Resigned
Peter Aimes—Brass Founder Gold street
V^c^ John W Adams—Resigned
James Simmons Carpenter Cor. Chamber & West S^t^
V^c^ James De Grushe—Resigned

Oliver Osborn—Carpenter Cor Chamber & West St
Vc William A Dobson Resigned
James J M Valentine—Student of Law Cor Water & Fulton Sts
to fill his own vacancy

No 19

Amariah Kingsbury Carpenter 178 Division St
Vc William Peffers—Resigned

No 20

Edwin Spencer Shoemaker 517 Greenwich St
V. Peter Willson—deceased

[391] No 21

John Reed Baker Coppersmith 68 Ann Street
Vc Peter Aims—Resigned

No 23

Joseph Morin Clerk 16 Grand Street
Vc Leonard Baum—Time expired

No 25

John B Stringham Accountant 70 Beekman St
Vc John Westervelt—Resigned

No 31

Henry Johnson—Carpenter No 40 Leonard Str
Vc Peter J Roome—Resigned

No 39

Richard Jones Sail Maker 29 Old Slip
Vc Hartman Vreeland Time expired
Thomas Southard Accountant Old Slip—
Vc Abraham Frost—Time expired

No 42

John Adams—Sail maker 23 Bancker St
Vc James Lightbody—Time expired
Henry Hawk—Boat builder 372 Water street
Vc Gabriel Edmonds—time expired
Robert Campbell Plumber Lumbardy St
Vc Thomas Morrison—Resigned

Fire Hose Company No 1

Alfred Ashfield—Druggist 220 William Street
Vc Elisha S Mott—Resigned
Jacob Wardell—Grocer 200 William Street
Vc Thomas B Barker do

[392] Fire Hook & Ladder Company

N° 1

Benj[n] Pollock Carpenter 18 Stone *Stee* [Street]

V[c] John Rossitter—Resigned

N° 4

Joshua Sawyer Grocer 130 Beekman S[t]

V[c] Daniel D Hilt—Resigned

N° 5

Abraham B Brooks Mason 163 Elizabeth S[t]
Daniel Demielt Cordwain[er] 56 Norfolk S[t] } to fill the Comp[y]

Fire Warden—1[st] Ward

George Pomeroy—53 Stone street Merch[t]

V° Smith W Anderson—Time expired

Fire Wardens 6[th] Ward

James L Embree Druggist 127 Bowery

V[c] James Cocks—Resigned

Thomas Hunt—Merchant N° 4 Mott S[t]

V William D Murphy—Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

N° 1	J. G Pearson	owner		Green Street	A Lot
2	R H Nevins	do		do	do
3.	H Brown	do		Lewis Street	do
4.	C Lewis	Lessee	N° 225	Chrystie	do
5.	B Cooper	owner		Norfolk S[t]	do
6	[393] M Lawrence	do		Grand Street	do
7.	N[s] L Martin	do	N° 161	South Street	do
8.	J. J Astor	do		Hamersly	do
9.	T[s] T Woodruff	do		Broome Street	do
10.	R[t] M Livingston	do		do	do
11.	Minturn & Pell	do		Fourth Street	do
12.	Do Do	do		do	do
13.	Ferris Pell	do		Fifth street	do
14.	do	do		do	do
15	do	do		do	do
16	do	do		do	do
17.	M[rs] Rogers N Jarvis & 4	owner Agent Lessees		2 & 3[d] Avenues & 25[th] & 26[th] streets	do

18.	A Cheesborough	Owner	N° 6	John S^{t}	A Privy
19.	B Galsin	do	5	Hague S^{t}	do
20	do	do	7	do	do
21.	G Janeway	do	25	Augustus S^{t}	do
23.	M Douglass	do	177	Pearl S^{t}	do
23	Cath^{e} Currie	do	N° 10	State S^{t}	do
24.	J G Pearson	do		Prince & Orange	do
25	W^{m} D Blackwell	do	N° 432	Broadway	do
26	do	do	430	do	do
27.	J Fagan	do		Catherine & Barker	do
28.	Geo: L Watkins	do	N° 77	Canal	do

Resp^{y} submitted

George Cuming City Inspector

[394] The City Inspector presented the following Report on the subject referred to him respecting Manure deposited near the New Alms House

The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board on the subject of the Manure deposited in the vicinity of the New Alms House, which was directed to be removed; that he served notices on Four Persons Lessees of the vacant Lots on which the manure Lies; that on examination he found that a considerable removal of it had taken place—He presents Ordinances now for removing the entire Deposit which lies between 25th & 26th Streets to terminate by the 1st June next

He also presents ordinances for the filling in with earth the space between 4th and 6th Streets inclusive and Lewis S^{t} and Avenue C

Respectfully submitted

George Cuming
City Insp^{r}

Which was accepted and directed to be filed

Alderman Taylor presented the following resolution—Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the ensuing Anniversary in a manner becoming the occasion it being the fiftieth or half centural year of our Independance—Which was adopted and the Mayor appointed on that Committee Alderman Taylor M^{r} Recorder Alderman Cebra, Randolph & M^{r} Arcularius

[395] M^{r} Engs presented the following which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department &c. to report to this Board whether in their opinion

Fire would not be in some degree prevented and the public property preserved by prohibiting the use of night Latches and placing Stock Locks on all the doors of Engine houses

Mr Valentine presented the following which were referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that the Alderman of each Ward do report to this Board at their next meeting the amount paid by them respectively for sweeping and cleaning any of the Streets other than Public property

Resolved that the amount so paid in each ward shall be assessed on said Ward

Mr Engs presented the following—Resolved that it is inexpedient to have a Dinner provided *of* [at] the expense of this City on the approaching Fourth of July and that the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of that day be instructed accordingly—The question being taken on agreeing to the same and a Division having been called by Mr Schieffelin the Members voted as follows

[396] Affirmative Alderman Cox Mr. Engs—2

Negative Mr Recorder Mott Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Lozier Coe Peters Valentine Pittman—Ald Cebra Gilford Agnew Lamb Reed Randolph Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Mr Schieffelin

So it passed in the Negative

Mr Engs presented the following—Resolved that the Alderman elect of the 8th Ward (Randolph) be furnished with the Charter and Map of the City the Laws of the State of New York and Corporation of this City and also a Staff of office which was adopted

Mr Hitchcock presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that a discreet person or persons be appointed whose duty it shall be to repair all breaches in the side walks and Carriage Ways of the different paved streets in the City and to charge a reasonable compensation for the same to be collected from the owner or occupant of such lots opposite to such repairs

[397] Mr Arcularius presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Manuel of Parlimentary p[r]actice compiled and arranged for the us[e] of Senate & Assembly of the State of New York by Aaron Clark late Clerk of the Assembly second edition, revised corrected and enlarged in 1826 be furnished the members of board by the Clerk

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act 8th Inst	$1520.24
Recd for Tavren and Excise Licence	15.000.00
Rents	8,506.
Tax of 1815	3.200.
Fire Department	750.
Police Office	623.3[illegible]
Wells & Pumps	252.[illegible]
Mayoralty fees	223.[illegible]
Justices Courts	167.[illegible]
Clerk & Criers fees sessions	131.[illegible]
Commutation Alien Passengers	20.
	$36.444.[illegible]

47 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist	1233.75
Hibbard & Clark do 2d	841.75
Bleakly & Stagg do 3d	768.25
J Fleming Treasurer Salary 1 Year 19 Apl	400.
[398] G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qur Sal 15 Inst	400.
J. P. Roome Superdt repairs 1 Qur do 14 Inst	300.
J Sidell First Marshal 1 Qur do 1 April	225.
T J Waters Clerk Comptr office 1 Qur do 24 Inst	200.
Samuel F B Morse for Portrait of Wm Pauldi[n]g & frame	122.
J Leonard for lists of Passengers 6 Mo 1 Inst	50.
Ald Lamb expences of Comte to Albany	48.81
J Morton Clerk C. C. hack hire for Committee	11.50
J. Barclay for Inspectors & Clerks election 8th Ward	26.
C Stagg for Officers attending Election do	10.
Mercantile advertir Subscription 1 Qur 1 Int	25.
Abm Legget work Mud Scow 12 days to 21s Inst	169.07
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qur Salary 12 Inst	625.
J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qur do 12 Inst	400.
H Abell do 1 Qur do 12 Inst	400.
S Ovutt do 1 Qur do 12 Inst	400.
S L Hommedieu Clerk Police " " "	312.50
R Stephens Asst Clerk " " "	250.
S L Hommedieu Clerk " Expences 6 Mo balance	11.50
A Young rent for Court 4. 6 Wards 1 Qur 1 Inst	32.50
J. J. Labagh loss on 16 Blocks of Stone City Burye ground	197.
Fish *Greneel* [Grinnell] & Co 17 Cask oil	678.81
T Price bal building Cisterns Essex Market St Thomas Church Allen street Mott street & cor Grand & Mercer St	985.10
Heirs of Wm McKinney Princp & Interest refunded Canal St Sewer	582.36
T Scott—Act reg & pav Vandam from McDougal to Varick St	350.

Bailey act pave side walks Delancy St b Bowery		
er	250.	
erton bal reg & flagge Water Street b Pike &		
s	146.91	
& 9 Associates Assessing Streets Wells & Pumps		
fo 1 Inst.....	1249.50	
rew for Well in Orchard near Pump st.....	125.	
rew bal Well Henry near Gouverneur St.....	74.	
ab repairing Intersections 2d Ward.....	152.17	
: Corpn ⅓ building Bulkhead Walnut St Slip.....	657.98	
Corpn ⅓ filling in do do	423.04	
s bal building Corpn part bulk head Catherine &		
Market Slips	460.83	
1 1s Instalmt filling do do	315.45	
ns 2d Instalmt filling & reg Pottersfield.....	2000.	
ite Chai[r]man Finance Committee to pay Sweep-		
blic Grounds.....	500.	
me Superdt Repair for Docks & Slips.....	1424.	
me do Fire Department	670.	
me do Repairs	638.	
me do Markets	394.	
me do Watch Department	315.	
Supedt Alms Houses.....	5000.	24.851.78
Balance		$11.592.28

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

JUNE 5, 1826 TO OCTOBER 23, 1826

[1] In Common Council June 5th 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

Aldermen	Assistant
John Y Cebra	
Samuel Gilford Jr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of a number of Owners and Occupants of Property at the lower end of Maiden Lane praying for correction of a nuisance occasioned by the Sewer leading in the East River was read and referred to the Canal and Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel Dayton for permission to erect an Iron railing at the end of his House corner of Market & Bancker Streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward with powers

[2] A Petition of the owners of Property in South street between James and Catherine streets to have the Wood and Fence removed from the Pier. West side of Catherine Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Stephen Whitney and others to have Montgomery Street paved from Division street to the River was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William L Simers to have Scammel street regulated and paved from Harman to Cherry street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Abyssinian Baptist Church to be relieved from an Assessment for building Canal street sewer was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Richard J Hubbard to be appointed a City Weigher read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Abraham Bloodgood Samuel Cowdrey and others for the improvement of Frankfort street to whole extent thereof was read and referred to the Street Committee

Two Remonstra[n]ces of owners & occupants of Lots in Bleecker street against raising and paving said street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[3] A Petition of Thomas L Smith and others to have Bond street numbered was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done

A Petition of Andrew Gifford & others to have Tenth street opened & regulated from Broadway to the 6th Avenue was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Scofield & others to have a Well and Pump at the corner of 6th Street & Broadway was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Morse & others to have ninth, Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth streets opened and regulated from Broadway to the 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Quintan M Sullivan & R V W Thorne praying that as Heirs of John Sullivan Deceased they may receive their proportion of monies awarded as Damages on property taken to open and widen Bancker street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Theodorus Bailey Post Master praying that a Watchman may be especially assigned for the preservation of the Post Office under the new Exchange was read and referred to the Watch Committee

[4] A Petition of Whitfield Case for the remittance of the Penalty for not removing the Filth and garbage from Broome & Rivington streets was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 3d Ward relative to an Improvement in West street near Courtlandt Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Lawrence Hopkins for stand N° 47 Fulton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Communication from Duncan P Campbell tendering his resignation as Commissioner of Common School fund was read and accepted

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants on 79th Street to have said street opened from the 5th Avenue to the East river was read and referred to the Road Committee—It was also resolved that the Street Committee on the Subject of 86th Street be discharged from the further

consideration of the same and that the subject be referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of F R Hassler for Office of City Surveyor was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[5] A Petition of John Sidell First Marshall for the privilege of assigning places for the erection of Booths around the Park 4th July next was read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements

A Petition of the Society for the encouragement of Domestic Servants for the use of a room in the Old Alms House formerly occupied by the Savings. Bank was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John F Gray for Office of Physician to the Alms House and Fever Hospital was read and laid on the Table

A Memorial of Gilbert Coutant and others praying that the exhibition of Fire Works may be prohibited in Vauxhall Garden was read and referred to the Mayor

A Petition of Richard Riker and others to have Sheriff Street paved and regulated from Stanton to North Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Mead for Office of Resident Physician at the Bellvue Hospital was read and Laid on the Table.

The Counsel of the Board presented a draft of a Law relative to the Sale of Water which was read and referred to the Law Committee

[6] A Petition of P Paquet for leave to exhibit in a suitable place the Flying Horses formerly exhibited was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw the same

A Petition in favor of permitting Fire works to be exhibited at the Vauxhall Garden was read and referred to the Mayor

A Petition of John Sanford and others Hack owners for permission to drive their Carriages without being numbered was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Robert Ferguson Contractor for regulating Mulberry Street praying for further allowance on the contract was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for a Well and Pump corner of Ridge & Broome street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Cornelius M^{c}Coy for a water grant opposite his premises adjoining M^{c}Combs bridge presented the following Report

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Cornelius M^{c}Coy for a Water grant opposite his premises adjoining

[7] McCombs Bridge upon the Harlaem River that your Committee can see no objection to the prayer of the Petition

The rates of quit rent to be one shilling per foot for the first twenty one years, and two shillings per foot for ever thereafter—The extent into the river to be determined by the Street Commissioner

Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Grant to said McCoy, upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Street Commissioner

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following Report respecting an advance for paying the sweeping of the intersections.

The Finance Committee beg leave most respectfully to report

That in order to pay the sums of money required for the sweeping the intersection of streets public Grounds &c in the City it is necessary to place the funds in the hands of the Chairman of this Committee; and therefore submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for One thousand dollars in [8] favor of the Chairman of the Finance Committee

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Woodward (late Clerk City & County) for Compensation for services rendered presented the following Report

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed account of John Woodward late Clerk of the County, for services and expenditures under the Election Laws &c That the same is the usual bill of County Contingencies defrayed by the Clerk and which are chargeable to the County, and that the bill amounts to $279 $^{73}/_{100}$ for which

amount your Committee recommend that a Warrant be passed and accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $279.$^{7}\!/_{100}$ in favor of John Woodward Esq^{r} in full of the above mentioned account

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed

Which was adopted

[9] The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of E A Bancker and others relative to the Inspection of Fire wood sold by the Cord presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of E A Bancker and others—Respectfully Report

that the Petitioners state in their Petition that it is now the practice of those who purchase large quantities of Fire wood in this City to purchas the same by the Cord, that as there is no law to regulate the measurement of Fire wood sold by the Cord, the practice is becoming general to purchase a tier of wood for a Cord measuring Eight feet in breadth and four feet in height without regarding the Length of the wood that the consequence is that as the wood coming to this Market is very unequal in length, one person receives for a Cord twenty or thirty feet less than another the Petitioners pray that a Law may be passed requiring that all wood sold by the Cord in this City should be measured and Inspected by one of the Inspectors thereof. Your Committee are of opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it be referred to the Counsel of the Board to prepare an amendment to the Law "To regulate the Sale and Inspection of Firewood" so as to require all Firewood sold by the [10] Cord in this City to be measured and Inspected by some one of the Inspectors thereof

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
L Pittman
John Hitchcock
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Eli Hart joint proprietor with the Corporation of the Pier on the Easterly side of Courtlandt Street Ferry presented the following Report.

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Eli Hart joint proprietor with the Corporation of the Pier on the Easterly side of Cortlandt street Ferry and of the Lessees of said Ferry—Respectfully report

That the first mentioned Petitioner prays that the said Pier may be continued into Hudson River to the extent allowed by Law and offers to pay the customary proportion of the expence thereof

That the Lessees of said Ferry ask for an extension of said Pier, alleging that when strong westerly winds prevail it is very difficult to enter the Slip with their Boats, that if the Easterly Pier is extended it will afford them protection against said Winds, and will give them greater facility in entering the Slip and will also afford them protection against [11] the large quantities of Ice which in the winter season is thrown into this Slip by an eddy which is caused by the greater extension of the Wharves lying eastward of said Pier—Your Committee understand that the Committee on Whaves Piers and Slips of the last [year], had determined to extend this Pier provided that the Lessees of the Ferry would agree to pay an Interest on the amount which should be expended by the Corporation in the extension thereof—which the presents Lessees are willing to do, and also to be at the expence of keeping the same in repair during the continuance of their Lease—The whole expense of extending said Pier one hundred and ten feet as proposed by your Committee is estimated at Five thousand dollars of which the proportion to be paid by the Corporation will be about $1700,

Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted they therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Pier on the easterly side of Cortlandt street Ferry, be extended one hundred and ten Feet into Hudson River on condition that the Lesssees of said Ferry enter into an agreement to pay to the Corporation in addition to their present rent, lawful Interest on the amount expended by the Corporation in making such extension during the continuance of their Lease; and that they also enter into an agreement to keep that part of said Pier belonging to the Corporation in repair during the same period

[12] Resolved that the Street Commissioner take the necessary

Measures to cause the said Pier to be extended upon the execution of the aforesaid agreement by the Lessees of said Ferry

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
John Hitchcock
Mth Reed
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the resolutions adopted

The Special Committee to whom was referred back the report on the remonstrance of James Beekman and others against the frequent obstructions in the Bowery by Waggons &c presented the following report accompanied by a Law on the subject—The special Committee to whom was referred the remonstrance of James Beekman & others against the frequent obstructions in the Bowery by Waggons and other Carriages—Respectfully Report—that in the opinion of your Committee the evil so justly complained of will be greatly abated by prohibiting hay waggons loaded from standing in that vicinity

Your Committee are of an opinion that a place ought to be assigned for the sale of hay and Straw brought in waggons, they therefore have Selected Third Street between the Bowery and Second Avenue as the most suitable place at present for that purpose and respectfully submit herewith a Draft of a Law and recommend its adoption

[13] Your Committee beg leave further to state that the proprietor of the Bulls head Inn has promised to erect a Hay scale and to furnish other accommodations for the convenience of the venders of the above articles

Mth Reed
John Agnew
Gideon Ostrander
John Lozier

Which was approved and the Law passed under the Title of "a Law to prescribe a place in this City for the sale of Hay and Straw in Waggons

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred several resolutions in regard to the Construction of Public Cisterns and the expence of building the same presented the following Report.

The Committee on Assessments to whom were referred several Resolutions in regard to the construction of Public Cisterns and the expence of building the same ask leave to Report

That your Committee have had the subject under consideration and have reflected upon it for a considerable time They learn from the subjoined statement of George B Smith Esq[r] Assistant Street Commissioner that Fourteen Public Cisterns have been constructed assessed and paid for since the passage of the act relating thereto dated January 1. 1817 and also that seven more Public Cisterns have been directed by Ordinances of the Common Council heretofore, which are now in progress, the expence of which are to be assessed and paid [14] for under the authority and provisions of said act The whole fourteen Cisterns already paid for cost as follows Viz[t]

Contracts for Building		$7,377.66
Surveys	$1481.72	
Assessing	975.	
Collecting	1475.18	
Inspecting	15.	
Advertising	14.	
		$3.960.90

Thus it appears that this mode of paying for Public Cisterns imposes a grevious burden upon those who are assessed for them the mere expence of apportioning and collecting being about fifty three per Cent on the actual cost of said Cisterns—Your Committee are not aware that much reduction can be effected in these enormous and disproportioned expences while the present mode of paying for said Cisterns is continued

Therefore as Public Cisterns are intended to be used exclusively for the public security and convenience and considering the difficulty of making an equitable assessment upon individuals for their construction and the obvious necessity of relieving the Citizens from partial and perplexing burdens—Your Committee are induced respectfully to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that all Public Cisterns which may here*re*after be directed to be built shall be paid for and kept in repair at the expence of the Corporation and also that all Public Cisterns heretofore [15] *and also that all public Cisterns heretofore* built or directed to be built by the Common Council shall be Kept in repair at the public Expence

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Stuart F Randolph

The Consideration thereof was postponed and directed to be printed with a Document furnished by M[r] Smith Asssistant Street Commissioner

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for constructing a sewer in Broad Street and the Remonstrance of a number of the owners of Lots on said street presented a report recommending a reconsideration of the Assessment by the Assessors. which was approved, and it was referred to them accordingly

The Street and Law Committies and the Counsel of the Board to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioners under the Act of 1823 entitled "an Act to provide for the permanent Regulation of Certain streets in the City of New York presented a Report together with the opinions of Chancellor Kent Mr Hoffman & Mr Ulshoeffer— The consideration thereof was postponed and were directed to be printed for the use of the Members under the direction of the Law Committee

The Street Committee to whom was [16] referred the Petition of sundry persons to widen Garden Street between William and Broad streets together with the Remonstrances of Sundry persons against the same presented a Report which was postponed until next meeting

The Police Committee presented the following Report and Resolution in relation to fees of Keeper of City Prison

The Police Committee respectfully report that according to the orders of the Board your Committee have re-considered the proposition to give to the keeper of the City Prison, in addition to his salary, the fees receiveable at the prison—That your Committee find that the present salary of the Keeper is One thousand dollars per annum, which they think is altogether inadequate to his wants and services. That the number of prisoners confined in the City Prison is about 160 on an average That the fee of Seventy five cents many are too poor to pay; and that the Keeper has, from humane motives, to afford relief to many prisoners at his own expence, which diminishes his salary considerably That Mr Hazard the former Keeper of the Prison, received a Salary of $1250, and all the fees, which were then more than they now are as there was no Penitentiary at that time, and as the State Exchequer paid the fees in all those cases where the prisoners were discharged for want of prosecution. He was also furnished by the public with all the supplies for his table, which is not the case with the present Keeper The annual average of fees now paid into the Treasury [17] from the City Prison varies of course during different years but is about $450 though in future it is supposed that it will be much less—Considering the merits and services of the present Keeper, and desirous to do justice to a faithfull public Officer, your Committee do not hesitate in recom-

mending that the fees should be given to him; and they therefore submit without amendment for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution, which is a Copy of the one heretofore offerred to the Board by your Committee and they respectfully recommend its passage

Resolved that the Keeper of the City Prison be allowed in addition to his salary the fees received by him officially—To take effect from the 1st February last. provided he shall make no demand upon the City for fees which the prisoners may be unable to pay

All which is respectfully submitted

Jn° Yates Cebra
Wm A Davis
E Schieffelin
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire into the propriety of increasing the compensation allowed to the Street Commissioner and Deputy Street Commissioner presented a report which was read and laid for further consideration

[18] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for repaving Rutgers street between Cherry Street and Division Street presented a Report which was read and referred back to the Street Committee

An Official Report was received from the Public School Society which was directed to be filed

The Report of the Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of property in the Bowery praying a Law may be passed prohibiting the erection or continuance of Porticoes over Cellar doors and was laid for consideration was now called up together with the Law reported by them.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of the owners of Property on the Bowery, praying that a law may be passed prohibiting the erection or continuance of porches or poticoes over cellar doors in the said Bowery. Respectfully report that they have had the Petition under consideration, and are of opinion, that the evil complained of requires a remedy not only in the Bowery but throughout the City—They have accordingly had the necessary law

prepared, which they recommend to be passed, and herewith respectfully submit the same for the consideration of the Board

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C P White

[19] After some discussion Alderman Davis moved that the Board adjourn—The question being taken thereon, a Division having been called by Alderman Cebra it passed in the Negative all the members voting in the Negative excepting Alderman Cebra Lamb. Reed & Davis and Mr Lozier who voted in the Affirmative After some further discussion Alderman Agnew moved the previous question. The question being *being* taken, shall the main question be now put, it was carried in the Affirmative The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and the Law proposed by them, and it passed in the Negative

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report accompanied by his general return of the Fire Department

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports that he has carefully inspected the various branches of the Fire Department, and herewith presents his Annual return with the names of the Engineers, Foremen, Firemen and Fire Wardens their place of Abode, Occupation &c. Also the places of Deposit of the Respective Machines; whereby it will appear that there are (including two at the New Alms House) Forty two Engines in Good order and Four Engines in indifferent order Five hook and Ladder Trucks and One Hose Waggon—Eight thousand seven hundred and thirty four feet of good Hose Eight hundred and fifty one feet of Ordinary, and Seventy one feet of Bad, making in the whole (including six hundred feet at the New Alms house) Ten thousand two hundred and fifty six feet—Also two Hundred and fifty five Fire Buckets in good order—Also Twenty eight Ladders [20] and Thirty Hooks—The Total number of Men belonging to the Fire Department when the Companies are full including the Engineers and Fire Wardens is one Thousand three hundred and forty seven But as there are Three hundred and twenty one vacancies the present number is One thousand and twenty six

By direction of the Board there have been built during the past year Three Engines for Companies No 14. 18 and 39 Three others are

now building for Companies N° 30. 36 and 40 and N° 16 has been rebuilt

Respectfully submitted

Jameson Cox
Chief Engineer

Which was directed to be printed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

N° 6

John Breslin—Carpenter 20 Desbrosses S^t^
V^c^ John Moor Resigned

Isaac Brown—Tailor 47 Thomas S^t^
V^c^ Stephen S Demeyer Resigned

N° 14.

Joseph B Wheden Turner 55 Orchard S^t^
V^c^ William J Hopson Resigned

N° 18.

William Holmes—Leather Dresser 62 Frankfort S^t^
V° William R Clapp Resigned

Arthur Merritt Clerk 257 Pearl Street
V^c^ James Weeks Resigned

[21] N° 20.

Henry Secor Ship Carpenter 106 Washington S^t^
V^c^ Ezra West Resigned

Zeno C Secor Ship Carpenter 106 Washington S^t^
V^c^ Thomas Hopper Time expired

David Horton Sadler 111 Mulberry S^t^
V^c^ Peter L Stoutenburgh Resigned

N° 26.

George Mills Brass founder. Scammel n Cherry
V^c^ Ira Munson Resigned

N° 33

William Akers Taylor N° 11 Elizabeth Street
V^c^ Samuel Parker Time Ex

N° 36

George Kent House Carpenter Cor Sullivan & Broom S[t]
V[c] Abraham Vanskiver Resigned

Stephen Turhuen House Carpenter Cor Watts & Greenwich S[t]
V[c] Jacob Benson Time Expired

N° 40

Thomas W Dickerson Carpenter 234 Orange Street
V[c] John M[c]Intyre Expell[d] for neglect of duty

Caleb C Colvill Cabinet Maker 19 Catherine S[t]
V[c] David W Raymer Resigned

John Palmer Cabinet Maker 19 Catherine S[t]
V[c] William B Furgison Resigned

James Van Outersterp Carpenter 88 Mott S[t]
V[c] David Galashan Deceased

Joseph Van Oustersterp Cartman 88 Mott S[t]
V[c] Jacob J Doreamus Resigned

[22] Supply Engine Company

N° 1

Walter B Townsend—Druggist Water cor Beekman S[t]
V[c] Hugh Aikman Time Expired

Fire Hook & Ladder Company

N° 5.

Enoch Lawrence Butcher 542 Grand Street To fill the Company

Fire Wardens 2[d] Ward

Frederick Augustus Guion Broker 70 Beekman Street
V[c] E D Comstock Resigned

Barney Corse Currier 13 Vandewater Stret
V[c] Joseph Lawrence Resigned

The Counsel presented a Report of a Lease to Dennis M[c]Carthy

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits the draft of a Lease to Dennis M[c]Carthy of the Lot at the Corner of Chatham & Duane streets for 21 Years from the 1[st] of May last at the annual rent of $375 This Rent was fixed by arbitration and the Lease is submitted, in order, that if approved, it may be directed to be engrossed and executed

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be executed

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had at the Term in May last confirmed the Report of the new Commissioners relative to the opening [23] of a new Street to be called La Fayette place which was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Leases of the Public Wharves Piers & Slips were now Completed which was directed to be filed

The Counsel presented the following Report in case of William Appleby for relief from an Assessment

The Counsel respectfully reports on the resolution of the board of the 22d May last relative to William Applebys Petition for relief from an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Willett near North street

It appears that said assessment was ratified by the Common Council on the 3d January last and that the Collector has completed all the Collections except an item of $28, assessed upon Wm Appleby—Under the circumstances of this case, the board cannot, in the opinion of the subscriber re-consider the said Assessment which was ratified according to Law (2 R L 407 § 175) That proceeding is finished, and cannot be altered but by removal to a court of Law, where the whole might be reviewed—A mistake however of the kind complained of in this case (being in the apportionment of the Assessment among the parties benefitted) would not be considered a sufficient cause for quashing these proceedings (20 John R 430)

By the resolution of the Board the Counsel is also requested to give his opinion whether any other and what relief can be afforded in the premises [24] and by the report upon which the said resolution was founded, the Committee on Assessments are of the opinion, that from Mr Applebys Assessments the sum of $7 5/100 ought to be deducted —Relief may therefore be afforded, by directing the Collector only to collect the sum of $20 5/100 from Mr Appleby, by which means the petitioner will be relieved, and the loss falls on the City Treasury—It is proper however that the enclosed Warrant for collecting the amount due by Mr Appleby should be passed, in order to authorise the Collection of the whole amount according to Law in case he is unwilling to acquiesce in the decision of board for his relief

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was adopted

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the ssessment for paving Van Dam street And for paving the 6th Avenue etween Carmine & Sixth Street—Wh[e]reupon a Warrant was irected to issue

Also on the Assessment for repaving Duane Street—for opening ercer street and for opening Wooster street—Whereupon a War- nt was directed to be issued

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bank reet near Hudson street which was confirmed & Morris De Camp ppointed Collector

[25] The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Com- issioner to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have Well and Pump built and erected in Cherry street near Corrlears reet presented the following report

The Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh ward and Street Commis- oner to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons to have a ell & Pump built and erected in Cherry Street near Corlaers Street

Report—that in their opinion a Well and Pump is much wanted at at place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following esolution—Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jameson Cox
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and ump in Charles Street near Assuylum street—which was confirmed nd Morris De Camp appointed Collector

Also for an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Amos Street near actory street—Which was confirmed and Morris [De Camp] ppointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which ere passed Viz[t]

[26] For a Well and Pump in 5th Street near the 2d Avenue and amuel S[t] John Robert Wardell and Brigham Howe were appointed ssessors

For a Well and Pump in Cherry street near Corlears street and amuel S[t] John Robert Wardell and Brigham Howe were appointed ssessors

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correct- ng Nuisances

The City Inspector reports the following Ordinances for Correcting nuisances Viz[t]

N° 1.	W[m] J Cantelo	owner	Broadway	A Lot
2.	E. Herring	executor	do	do
3.	H Rutgers	owner	Oliver Street	do
4.	Eli Hart	do	Dey Street	do
5.	Jacob Mott	do	Motts Alley	do
6.	do	do	do	do
7.	Ja[s] Dobbin	Executor N°	13 Moores Row	do
8.	C[s] W Vanranst	owner N°	79 John S[t]	do

Geo Cumming City Insp[r]

Which were passed

Alderman Cox presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Resolved that the names of all the Firemen who have not been returned from the respective Companies to which they have belonged to the Chief Engineer and by him to this Board be considered as Vacant and that their Resignations be accepted

[27] M[r] Valentine presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks in Attorney street between Broome & Rivington Streets be laid, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to carry the same into effect

Alfred Gilford presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Attorney of the Board

Resolved that it be referred to the Attorney of the Board to ascertain whether the provisions of the Law regulating the sale of loaf bread is complied with

M[r] Arcularius presented two Resolutions respecting the construction of the powers of the Common Council under the Charter—which were read and laid on the Table

M[r] Schiefflin presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to enquire into the expediency of locating a suitable Engine in Yorkville in the 12[d] Ward with a suitable number of Firemen to be attached thereto

M[r] Schieffelin presented the following resolution which was referred to the Law Committee

Resolved that the Alderman & Assistant of the 12[th] Ward be authorized to appoint an Inspector of Streets for the said Ward whose duty it shall be to [28] cause the Laws and Ordinances in relation to

12th Ward to be observed therein and that his compensation be the same as is allowed to the other Inspectors of Streets

Alderman Davis presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Penitentiary be empowered to appoint three additional Keepers of Convicts

Alderman Cox presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks and Cross walks be laid in Cherry Street from Rutgers Street to Corlaers street

Alderman Cox presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Catherine street be repaved and cross walks laid from Division to Bancker Streets

Alderman Cebra presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to have Pearl Street regulated and repaved between Broad Street & Old Slip including so much of the Head of Conties Slip as may be necessary

Alderman Cebra presented the [29] following which was adopted

Resolved that Henry Brevoort Jr be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of the School Fund in the place of Duncan P Campbell Esqr resigned

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that the following places be designated as additional stands for Hackney Carriages Viz—Franklin square Chatham square Canal street east of Broadway Barclay street between Greenwich & West streets and in Pearl street at Hanover square

Mr Peters presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be requested to ascertain and report on the expediency of streightning Herring Street at its junction with Christopher street and also of continuing Herring street in a strait line from Hammond Street to form a Junction with Hudson street also on Continuing Varick street in its present course till it shall intersect Bedford street

Mr Hitchcock presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the East side of Peck Slip from Front to South street be repaved

Alderman Rathbone presented the following Resolution which was referred to the [30] Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks of Attorney street from Broome to North street be laid under the direction of the Street Commissioner

Mr Peters agreeably to notice then called up the Report of the Police Committee relative to Ashes and Manure—on motion of adjournment A division was called when the members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Gilford White Agnew Reed Ostrander Davis Mr Hitchcock Arcularius Lozier Engs Valentine Pittman Schieffelin 14

In the Negative Ald Cebra Lamb Cox Randolph Taylor Rathbone Mr Mott Van Wyck Coe Peters 10

It was therefore carried in the Affirmative

The Comptroller presented the following Report

[31] Balance as per Act 22d May	11.592.28
Recd for streets	9.950.
" " Tavern & Excise Licences	9.000.
" " Tax of 1825	5.00 .
" " Rents	4593.12
" " Justices Courts	610.42
" " Docks & Slips	450.
" " Wells & Pumps	288.41
" " Dist Attorneys fees	133.62
	$41.617.85

57 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart	Watch	1st	Dist			1233.75
Hibbard & Clark	do	2d	"			841.75
Stagg & Bleakly	do	3d	"			768.25
G. Cumming	City Inspector	1	Qur	Salary	1 Inst	200.
Astin & Higbie	Messengers	1	Mo	1	Inst	62.
C Myers	Keeper Pottersfield	1	"	"		69.75
O Ayres	Asst City Inspector	1	"	"		47.25
J Coffin	do	1	"	"		47.25
G Lathrop	Street Inspector	1st	Ward	1 Mo	1 Inst	38.75
P Wright		2d	"	"		38.75
N B Lyon		4th	"	"		38.75
I. A Isaacs		5th	"	"		38.75
J. M Thomas		6th	"	"		38.75
B Fuller		7th	"	"		38.75
J Stephens		8th	"	"		38.75
H Mott		9th	"	"		38.75
D Hubbard		10th	"	"		38.75
J Woodruff		11th	"	"		38.75
C Gillman	Keeper Battery		"	"		31.
[32] A McCready	Keeper Park		"	"		31.

lartling Keeper City Hall to buy Fuel.....	500.	
n Sunday service 10th Ward 22 days to 29 May...	33.	
: do 8th Ward 13 days to 1 May...	19.50	
on C C C for hack hire 3 Accounts.....	8.75	
s Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	47.25	
kney do " "	47.25	
n Clk Washington Market " "	75.42	
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a Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59	
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& Banks Laws of the State for Ald 8 Ward.....	23.50	
for Officers extra Service Police 1 Qur 26 May....	225.50	
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e of Refuge 3 Mo 1 Inst.....	21.	
hen Light Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	946.84	
Hitchcock & Co 14 Cask oil.....	679.25	
roost repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	143.94	
get Work Mud Scow 12 days to 4th Inst.....	164.22	
mith & Associates Comrs fees & opening 13th Street		
Avenue & closing Greenwich Lane & Fitz Roy Road	495.50	
Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court Charges do do do	375.32	
mings Acct reg & pav 6 Avenue from Carmine to 6th		
.....	350.	
ols Copper & Tin leaders for Public Cisterns.....	290.41	
s Acct reg & pav Attorney St fr Broome to Stanton.	400.	
s Act filling Bulk head Walnut Street Slip.....	450.	
n 1s payt Well Charles near Hudson.....	47.25	
n 1 payt Well Christopher near Hudson.....	41.25	
igrew 1st payt Well Barrow near Christopher.....	35.	
es St Comr for Repairs Roads.....	500.	
ed Chairm Comte Cleaning streets.....	4000.	
ing Treas' to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qur 1 May..	18.500.	32.702.66
	Balance	$8915.19

[34] In Common Council 19th June 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Esqr Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	P. C Van Wyck
John Agnew	J Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William P Rathbone	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of the owners & Inhabitants of property in the vicinity of Catherine Market to have country produce sold on the Side Walks between Cherry and South street East side of said Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas Duffy and others for a Well and Pump at the Corner of Gouverneur & Lombardy streets was read and referred to the [35] Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Mary Decker to have returned to her Two swine taken up in the Street was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Nathan Roberts to be appointed an Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of the 6th Avenue and 5th Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Thomas Cumming for Balance due for regulating and paving Arden street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Cumming for Balance due for regulating & paving 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Ann Barnett respecting Hogs belonging to her taken up under the Law and praying they may be returned to her was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of sundry Persons for opening regulating and working the Fourth Avenue from 13th to [36] 83d Street was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of George Lorillard and Peter Lorillard to have the sewer extended in Collect street was read and referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition of Paul Shapter to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Peter and George Lorillard to have the Lease renewed on the Lot on which House N° 46 Chatham street now stands was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Street Inspectors of the different Wards for an increase of salary was read and laid on the Table for further consideration

A Petition of Col. Rutgers and others against paving Bancker street side walks of greater width than eight feet was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Thomas A Emmett Esquire against extending Varick street to Bedford street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Communication from Joseph W Moulton offering for sale to the Corporation the Portrait of [37] Governor William Burnet was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of David Hosack and others for the Lease of the Rotunda for the purposes of a Medical School was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Morris Carter and others remonstrating against the proposed Law relative to unloading Ashes in the streets was read and laid on the table

A Petition of George H Cook for relief from Tax on his personal property was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of James Stinson an Alien praying permission to drive a Hackney Coach he having declared his intentions to become a Citizen &c was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of John Gibson and others for a Well & Pump corner of Greenwich and Amos streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Abraham Clark and others to have Burrowes street paved from Herring street to Christopher street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[38] A Petition of Widow Gordin praying to have her two hogs returned to her they having been taken up from the street was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Jeremiah W Vanderbilt for Stall N° 4 Franklin Market formerly occupied by J Ridabock was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Charles Fredericks praying to be relieved from an Assessment on the drain recently put in Mill street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of D^r J G Vought for permission to erect a Bathing House at the foot of Marketfield street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Alexander Wiley and others to have a Well sunk and a pump placed therein at the co[r]ner of Greenwich & Rector streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1^st Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William D Morgan praying to be appointed one of the City Guagers was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[39] A Remonstrance of Samuel Cowdrey and others against occupying Franklin square as a stand for Hacks was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Charles Titus to be appointed an Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of John Bowden and others for a Well and Pump in Rivington street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 11^th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Communication was received from the Chief Enginer stating that he had been informed the Vestry of S^t Pauls Church are desirous of occupying the Ground at the corner of Fulton & Church streets where Engine House N° 39 now stands for the purpose of building a House for the accommodation of the Church. They offering to grant a Lease to the Corporation for a term of years for a nominal rent a Lot at the co[r]ner of Vesey & Church streets sufficiently large to contain Engines N° 14 & 39 was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with Powers

A Petition of J Ridabock for Stall N° 52 Washington Market lately occupied by Peter *Bennel* [Bensel] was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Communication from Edmund [40] M Blount requesting the Common Council to purchase 3 of his Charts at $20 [illegible]

of the public Offices was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

An Invitation was received from the Governers of the New York Hospital to attend the Annual Meeting at the Bloomingdale Assylum on Tuesday the 20th at one OClock which was accepted

A Communication from Docr Hosack offering his son as a Candidate for the Office of Surgeon of the Alms House was read and laid on the Table

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with a Supbena issuing out of the Court of Chancery at the suit of John Jacob Astor in which the Corporation are impleaded with Timothy Madden enjoining the Corporation from paying over to said Madden a sum awarded to him for damages on opening Lafayette Place—Which was referred to the Counsel to enter an appearance in the said suit for the Corporation

A Petition of Isaac Loofborrow for some employment under the Common Council was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants [41] and owners of Property on Frankfort street against widening and raising said street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Allen and others to have Pitt and Willet streets paved from Stanton to North streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Marshall Henry Rankin and others to have Fourteenth Street opened from River to River was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Jarvis Isaac Webb and others to have 9th 10th 11th & 12th Streets opened from the Bowery to the East River was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Communication was received from Doc Stephen Brown tendering his resignation as Visiting Surgeon to the Alms House and Penitentiary

Which was accepted

A Petition of John C & Robert L Stevens stating that by an order of the Common Council to continue West street they have been deprived of the use of the Slip and Machinery of the Steam Boat ferry and praying some relief which was read and referred to the Ferry Committee and Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips with powers

[42] A Petition of Elisha Gordon for permission to erect a vault [illegible] his building corner of Liberty street and Broadway was

read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Owen Smith to receive the balance of contract for paving and laying the side walks in part of Essex street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of John Scofield for a Well & Pump in 6th Street near Broadway presented the following Report in favor thereof

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Sixth street near Broadway—Report that in their opinion a Well is much required in that vicinity and accordingly recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted by submitting the following resolution

Resolved that the resquest of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

[43] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Johnson and others to have Attorney street paved from Stanton to North street presented the following report in favor thereof

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Johnson and others to have Attorney street paved from Stanton to North street

Report that in their opinion the paving of that Street is necessary and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Attorney street be regulated and paved from Stanton Street to North street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Co[u]nsel to the Corporation stating that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening La Fayette place had been confirmed by the Supreme Court presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the com

from the Counsel to the Corporation stating that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening La Fayette place had been confirmed by the Supreme Court and that it remained for the Common Council to direct the same to be opened and to appoint a Collector thereto

[44] Report that in their opinion it would be proper to delay the opening of that street until the first day of August next and that the incumbrances be removed therefrom within Sixty days thereafter and accordingly submit the following resolutions

Resolved that the opening of Lafayette place be postponed until the first day of August next and that the incumbrances be removed therefrom within Sixty days thereafter

Resolved that Morris D Camp be and he is hereby appointed to Collect the Assessment for opening Lafayette Place

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Rogers and others to have the 5th Avenue opened from 13th Street to the Bloomingdale Road and also the Remonstrances of sundry persons against the same presented the following report against the Petition

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Rogers and others to have the Fifth Avenue opened between 13th Street and the Bloomingdale Road, and also the remonstrance of sundry persons against the same Report, that inasmuch as by the opening the 5th Avenue as Petitioned for would Occasion the removal of some Valuable Buildings and the [45] destruction of much valuable property, and inasmuch as that individual interest or public convenience in the opinion of your Committee do not require that part of the Avenue to be opened at least for the present—They recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to open the Fifth Avenue between 13th Street and the Bloomingdale Road

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Laurens street paved between Prince & Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor thereof

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have Laurens street paved between Prince and Bleecker streets, Report that it is their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore submit the following resolution

Resolved that Laurens street be regulated and paved from Prince to Bleecker street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[46] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of Property on Bleecker street to have the same paved between Broadway and the Bowery presented the following report in favor thereof

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the owners of the property on Bleecker street between Broadway and the Bowery praying that it may be paved, and also the remonstrance of the said owners against any alteration in the present regulation and pitching of said street, Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners and remonstrants ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Bleecker street be paved from Broadway to the Bowery according to its present regulation

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Philip Newman and others for paving a part of Little Water Street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition [of] Philip Newman and others for paving a part of Little Water street, Report that in their opinion the paving of that part of Little Water street petitioned for is much required and therefore [47] submit following Resolution

Resolved that Little Water street be paved from Anthony Street to its termination Northerly

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Post and others to have the side Walks of McDougal street paved from Spring street to Broome street presented the following report in favor thereof

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Post and others to have the side walks of McDougall street paved from Spring street to Houston street, Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks of McDougall street be laid with brick or Flags from Spring to Houston street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was [48] referred the Resolution for paving Wooster street from Broome to Spring street presented the following report in favor

The Street Committee report on the annexed resolution for paving Wooster street from Broome to Spring street that in their opinion it is necessary and ought to be done accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Wooster street be regulated and paved from Broome to Spring streets

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C. P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward to whom was referred the Petition of William Colvill & others for a Well and Pump at

the intersection of Cliff and Fulton street presented the following Report

The Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons for a Well and Pump [in Cliff Street near Fulton Street Report that in their opinion a Well & Pump] is much wanted at that place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Samuel Gilford Junr
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[49] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Board to open Avenue D presented a Report which was laid for further consideration and the Counsel was directed to stay proceedings in said cause

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J. Waterhouse & Samel Reed to rent the Pu[b]lic Waters between Corlears & Water street presented the following report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Waterhouse and Samuel Reed beg leave respectfully to Report

That they have maturely considered the application of the Petitioners to lease the Dock on the South east corner of Water and Corlaers street for the purposes stated in said Petition

Your Committee are of opinion that it will be injurious to the public interests to accede to the proposition of the applicants; and therefore submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petition of Benjamin Waterhouse and Samuel Reed

All which is respectfully submitted.

Campbell P. White
Thomas Bolton
Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[50] The Police Committee to whom was referred several Petitions relative to Hackney Coaches presented a Report together with the draft of a Law *was* [which] after considerable discussion was referred back to the same Committee

The Committee on Lands and Places relative to a Contract which had been made by the late Committee on Lands and Places with Jacob Odell for a Lease of a piece of Ground on the Westerly side of the 3d Avenue which Lease had never been executed presented the following Report accompanied with a lease

The Committee on Lands and Places respectfully report, that a contract for a Lease of a piece of ground on the Westerly side of the 3d Avenue was entered *entered* into by the Committee of Lands and Places and Jacob Odell, for the term of 7 years from the 1st day of April 1825 that the rent fixed is $50. & taxes but no Assessments— That the Lease never has been executed, nor the rent paid by the Corporation your Committee therefore have had the lease prepared by the Counsel which is herewith submitted for execution on the part of the board in order that the said contract may be completed one years rent is already due to General Odell besides three dollars paid by him for taxes. Your Committee accordingly offer the following resolutions

I Resolved, that the said Lease herewith submitted be authenticated in the usual manner on the part [51] of this Common Council

II Resolved that the Comptroller make out a Warrant for Fifty three dollars in favor of Jacob Odell, and that the same be signed in the usual manner during the recess of the board and delivered on the receipt of the other part of the Lease from Genl Odell

Thomas Bolton
P. C Van Wyck
Gideon Ostrander
John Agnew

Which was approved, the Resolutions adopted, and the Lease directed to be executed in the recess of the Board

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of sundry owners and occupants in the vicinity of Oliver Slip to have the Wood and fences removed from the Pier West side of Catherine Slip presented the following Report

The Committee on Whaves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons residing in the vicinity of Oliver Slip

Respectfully report that the petitioners represent that the Proprietors of the Steam Boat John Marshall have erected a gate across the Pier on the West side of Catherine Market and that the said Pier is encumbered with Wood

Your Committee are of opinion that the placing of said Gate across

the said Pier and encumbering the same with Wood, is contrary to an existing Law, and that it is in the power of the Mayor [52] Recorder, or any of the Alder*mer*men of the said City or the Street Commissioner to cause the same to be removed

By the 26th Section of the Law entitled "A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the paving and Keeping in repair and to prevent obstructions in the streets of the City of New York, it is declared, that it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the City or the Street Commissioner to order any thing encumbering or obstructing any Street Wharf or Pier to be removed within Twenty four hours after notice to cause the same to be removed &c

In addition to this Law your Committee on the 10th day of April last offered a Resolution to the Board which was adopted and is now in force in the words following to wit

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause the Public Wharves and Piers to be cleared of all Wood Plaister and all other articles which encumbers the same contrary to Law

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that as there is sufficient power vested in the public Authorities of the City to cause a removal of these Incumbrances it is unnecessary for the Board to take any order on the subject *ang* [and] your Committee beg to be discharged from any further consideration of the aforesaid Petition

[53] All which is respectfully submitted

Anthony Lamb
Mth Reed
John Hitchcock
Lemuel Pittman

Which was Approved

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to [whom] was referred the Petition of sundry owners and occupants of the property in Washington Street between North Moore & Provoost street requesting that a Well may be then built and a pump erected presented the following report in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of sundry owners and occupants of the property in Washington street bettween Provoost and North Moore streets requesting that a Well may be built and a Pump erected therein in that vicinity

Report that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought) be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Anthony Lamb
Henry Arcularius
R Graves

Which was Approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th [54] Ward to whom was eferred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Ridge street near Broome treet presented the following report in favor thereof

The Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward to whom was eferred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Ridge street ear Broome street—Report that in their opinion the request of the 'etitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following esolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the petitioners be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of awrence Hopkins to receive the transfer of Stall No 47 Fulton Mar- et now in the possession of John Flock presented the following eport in favor of Petition

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Peti- ion of Lawrence Hopkins to receive the transfer of Stall No 47 Ful- on Market now in the possession of John Flock who is willing to urrender the same

Respectfully report

That in the opinion of the Committee the prayer of the Petition ught to be granted and respectfully submit for the consideration of he Board the following resolution

[55] Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Granger to receive the transfer of Stall N° 26 Washington Market presented the following report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Granger to receive the transfer of Stall N° 26 Washington Market Respectfully report that in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and Respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John M Seaman to receive the transfer of Stall N° 4 Center Market now in the possession of Blaze Ten Broeck who is willing to surrender the same presented the following Report in favor

[56] The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John M Seaman to receive the transfer of Stall N° 4 Centre Market now in the possession of Blaze Tenbrook who is willing to surrender the same Respectfully Report—that in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted and Respectfully submit for the Consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Ab^m^ M Valentine

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gilbert Underhill to receive the transfer of Stall N° 2 Fulton Market now in the possession of Jonathan Skillman who is willing to surrender the same presented the following report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Gilbert Underhill to receive the transfer of Stall N° 2 Fulton Market now in the possession of Jonothan Skillman who is willing to surrender the same Respectfully report that in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted

spectfully submit for the consideration of [57] the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ephraim Bolander to receive the transfer of Stall N° 10 Grand Street Market presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Ephraim Bolander to receive the transfer of Stall N° 10 Grand Street Market now in the possession of John Bruen who is willing to surrender the same—Respectfully report that in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted—And respectfully submit for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
John Hitchcock
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Joseph F Bridges [58] and F R Hassler to be appointed City Surveyors presented the following Report

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Joseph F Bridges and F. R Hassler to be appointed City Surveyors

Report that they have made particular enquiry [concerning] the Character & abilities of the Petitioners and find them every way qualified they therefore recommend them as suitable persons to be appointed to that Office and offer the following resolution—Resolved that Joseph F Bridges and J F Hasler be and they are hereby appointed Surveyors for the City and County of New York

John Lozier
Jameson Cox
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted and they were severally

The Chairman of the Street and Law Committees presented a Certificate that a fee of One hundred dollars each be paid to Chancellor Kent and Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} for their opinions on the Law of 1823 Which was adopted and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Resolution to ascertain whether the provisions of the Law regulating the Sale of loaf [59] Bread is complied with presented a Report stating that the provisions of the Law have not been complied with which was referred to the Law Committee

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company

N^{o} 2

Dennis Cornell—Carpenter 38 Pump street
V^{c} Caleb C Colvill—Resigned

Robert Piggot—Upholsterer 94 Division S^{t}
V^{c} John Palmer—Resigned

William D Lord Carpenter 28 Cheapside
V^{c} Thomas J Taft—Resigned

N^{o} 3

Ab^{m} F Vredenbergh—Carpenter Cor^{r} W^{m} & Cedar Street
V^{c} Daniel Morgan Time expired

N^{o} 6

Richard Bowen Baker—Reed street V^{c} Mathias Ludlow Resigned

N^{o} 7

Alfred Tillottson—Shoemaker 101 Division street
V^{c} John Small—Resigned

Jonathan Marshall Painter 347 Pearl street
V^{c} James Stewart—Resigned

John Elliot Copp—Printer 327 Pearl street
V^{c} Charles Stewart—Resigned

N^{o} 13

George Timpson Accountant 18 Cherry street
V^{c} Peter A Simmons Exempt in consequence of an injury received at a Fire

[60] John H Black—Accountant 6 Bowling Green
V^{c} Richard C

N° 15

John Berrian—Shoemaker N° 55 Elizabeth S^t^
V^c^ Jeremiah W Johnson—Resigned

N° 16.

Thomas R Holden Grocer 161 Maiden Lane
V^c^ Peter Ammerman Not 21 years of age

N° 19

Isaac Carpenter Grocer 285 Grand street Resigned
Michael Caywood Resigned

N° 20

Alexander H Bunn Shoe Maker 111 Mulberry S^t^
V^c^ Alexander Wiley Time expired
Robert Smith—Ship Carpenter 103 Washington street
V^c^ Edward Kearney Resigned

N° 25

David Judson Resigned

N° 30

Joshua S Hartt—Smith Cannon near Rivington S^ts^
V^c^ Adam H Fisher Resigned

N° 33.

Filander Webb—Brassfounder 449 Cherry street
V^c^ Nehemiah Knapp Resigned

The Counsel presented the following with a Lease to Dennis M^c^Carthy

[61] The Counsel respectfully submits for authentication a lease to Dennis M^c^Carthy for 21 years from the 1^st^ May last, of the Lot at the corner of Chatham and Duane streets at the rent of $375, The clause for future renewals of the lease, as contained in the old lease, having been omitted in the lease, as heretofore authenticated, the Counsel by the direction of the Finance Committee, has inserted the clause in question and again submits the same to be authenticated in the usual manner

Respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be reauthenticated during the recess of the Board

The Counsel presented a Water Grant to Jacob Lorillard which is referred to the Finance Committee

The Counsel also presented Articles of Agreement with Francis B Ogden Cadwallader D Colden and Samuel Swartwout relative to pier at foot of Courtlandt Street Ferry

The Counsel herewith respectfully presents for execution by the board, articles of agreement between the Corporation and Francis B Ogden C D Col[d]en & S Swartwout relative to the extension of the Pier at Courtlandt Street Ferry, which agreement has been prepared agreably to the report of the Committee of Wharves Piers and Slips on that subject Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[62] Which was directed to be executed

The Counsel also presented a Deed of Cession from Colo: Willet of a piece of Land opposite his premises on the South side of Delancy street Slip

The Counsel herewith respectfully encloses a deed of cession from Colo Willett of a piece of land opposite his premises on the South side of Delancy street or Slip made pursuant to a resolution of the board of the 8th May last

It will be proper to direct the same to be delivered to the Comptroller to be recorded in the usual manner

Respect[fully] submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be Recorded in the Registers Office and deposited in the office of Comptroller

The Counsel submitted to the Board a Deed of Cession from Nicholas W Stuyvesant and Charles Henry Hall of 13th Street from the South side of Stuyvesant street to the East River

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits to the board, a deed of cession from Nicholas W Stuyvesant & Charles H Hall of 13th Street from the South side of Stuyvesant street to the East River

This cession is made pursuant to a resolution of the Board on the subject—It will be proper to direct the Comptroller to have the [63] Deed recorded—Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was accepted and directed to be recorded in the Registers Office and filed in the Office of the Comptroller

The Counsel reported a Deed of Cession from Colo Rutgers to the Corporation of the part of his Lot on the Southerly side of Henry street which was referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each

For a Well and Pump in Charles street near Factory street

For Regulating Houston street from Elizabeth Street to Crossby street

For repaving Rose street from Frankfort street to Duane Street

For Pitching and Paving Thompson street from Bleecker street to Fourth street

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto—Viz[t]

[64] For Paving Laurens street from Prince to Bleecker street and John Targee Ab[m] Baudoine and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For paving the Side walks of M[c]Dougal street from Spring street to Houston street and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For paving Wooster street from Broome to Spring street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn & John M[c]Kesson were appointed Assessors

For paving Bleecker Street from Broadway to the Bowery and Samuel S[t] John Robert Wardell and Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

For paving little Water street at Anthony street and Abraham Dally Cornelius M[c]Lean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For paving Attorney street from Stanton to North street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy and Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Washington street between Provoost street and North Moore street and John Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

[65] For a Well and Pump in Cliff street near Fulton street and William Torrey Alex[r] Coffin Jun[r] and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Sixth street near Broadway and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Ridge street and John Tout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for Correction of sundry [illegible]

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

No	1.	R[t] M Livingston	Owner	Broome street	A Lot
	2.	do	do	Laurens street	Do
	3.	W[m] M[c]Elwain	do	do	Do
	4.	Th[s] L Ogden	do	Wooster street	Do
	5.	A Cunningham	Occup[t]	Broadway	Do
	6.	Walter Mead	owner	Canal street	Do
	7.	Jos[h] Dean	do	do	Do
	8.	A Floyd	Agent	Warren street	Do
	9.	A Herring	Owner	Chamber street	Do
	10.	Do	Do	Washington street	Do
	11.	Do	Do	Chamber street	Do
	12.	D. Haggerty	Do	No 100 Anthony street	Do
	13.	Nevins & Townsend	Do	Broadway	Do
	14.	M Wendell	Do	Lewis street	Do
	15	[66] J Hewlet	do	do	do
	16.	A Smith	do	Chrystie street	do
	17.	M Henriquez	do	Vestry street	do
	18.	J Henriquez	do	do	do
	19.	J R Murry	do	do	do
	20.	M Carey	do	do	do
	21.	J Ketchum	do	do	do
	22.	A L Stewart	do	do	do
	23.	H A Tenbrook	do	do	do
	24	C Hampton	do	Lewis street	A privy

George Cuming
City Inspector

Which were passed

M[r] Valentine presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the piece of Ground reserved as a Parade ground be hereafter denominated the "Washington Military Parade Ground"

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9[th] Ward with authority

Resolved that permission be given to Floyd Smith James N Wells and others to erect an Iron railing in front of their buildings on Hudson street near S[t] Lukes Church

M[r] Valentine presented the following which was adopted

[67] Resolved that the "Committee on Laws" be directed to have all the Laws and Ordinances of this Board revised without delay and when revised report the same to this Board

Alderman White presented the following which was referred to the Law Committee with powers

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be directed not to argue

the suits now pending under the Interment Law at the next term of the Supreme Court at Utica

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that the Police Committee report to this Board whether in their opinion the object of the Law preventing swine from running at large in this City, would not be effected provided it was so modified as to place all Hogs taken up in the Streets in a Public Pound, and allowing them to be taken therefrom on payment of Poundage provided they are applied for within a given time

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the Street Committee report to this Board such streets as have been repaved or newly paved since 22d November 1825 with their opinion whether the work is such as should be approved of in order that this Common Council may pass upon them [68] accordingly, and confirm or subject their liability to pave repave and keep the same in repair for ever thereafter, at their own cost. And that they annex to said Report an Estimate of the probable annual expenditure created by this Regulation

Alderman Gilford presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that in future the Street Commissioner shall advertize to objections to any applications for paving &c of streets in seperate advertisements for every street heading the Notice with the name of Street or Avenue as it may be

Alderman Rathbone presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the houses in Rivington street to be numbered

Alderman Agnew presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to institute an enquiry with regard to the expediency of placing a Board fence at the entrance of the different ferries in the City to be attached to the sides and corners of the Piers fronting on the same and that whenever Wood is piled on said piers the Ward Inspectors direct [69] the same to be placed close up to said fence

Alderman White presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to effect a Loan on such terms and to such an amount not exceeding $500,000

as they may deem proper for the purpose of redeeming such part of the City Stock bearing an Interest of 6 per Cent as is now unredeemed agreeably to the provisions of "an Act of the Legislature authorising the Corporation of the City of New York to create a Public Stock" passed 28th March 1826

M Hitchcock presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Law Committee

Resolved that the Law Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Law regulating the Sale of Loaf Bread be requested to report upon the propriety of affixing an assize for the same

Mr Peters presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips be requested to enquire and report upon the propriety of causing to be erected at the Public Expence or of allowing Individuals to erect one floating Bath on the Hudson and one floating bath on the East River above and near the compact parts of the City to be constructed in so cheap a manner and the price of admission fixed at so low a rate as to render said baths accessible to [70] the labouring and to all classes of citizens and their Children

The "Law to amend the Law for the government of the Alms House" which was presented on the 22d May last and was laid for further consideration was called up, read by paragraphs, and agreed to Upon filling up the blank for the Salary of the Resident Physician it was moved that the same be a sum not exceeding $2000, upon the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called by Mr Hitchcock the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Agnew Cox Taylor Mr Bolton Mott Lozier Coe Engs Peters 11

Negative—Ald Gilford White Lamb Reed Ostrander Rathbone Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Valentine Pittman 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative—The Law was then passed under the Title of "A Law to amend the Law for the government of the Alms House" It was afterward moved to reconsider the clause respecting the Salary which was agreed to and the sum of $2000 was stricken out & the subject laid for further consideration

[71] The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office of Resident Physician when after six Ballots no choice being made the subject was referred to the next meeting of the Board—And the Board then adjourned to this day fortnight at 5 oClock P M

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act^{t} 5th Inst^{t}		8915.19
Rec^{d} for Streets		7625.72
" Rents		5017.31
" Tax of 1825		3000.
" Docks & Slips		2000.
" Tavern & Excise Licences		1000.
" Justices Courts		173.20
" Mayoralty fees		133.
" Wells and Pumps		109.10
" Commutation Alien Passengers		40.
" Fines &c Attorney		39.19
" Fines &c Sherriff		17.06
		$28.069.77

30 Accounts audited & ordered to be paid

Bla[u]velt & Stewart Watch 1 Dist	1233.75
Hibbard & Clark " 2^{d}	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly " 3^{d}	768.25
W^{m} S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qu^{tr} Salary 22^{d} Inst	250.
John J Ebbets Street Inspector 3^{d} Ward 2 months 1^{s} Inst^{t}	76.25
M Ulshoeffer Counsel drawing Laws &c	115.
J Targee Attorney for J Odell Rent of Land & taxes 3^{d} Avenue	53.
J Morton C C C hack hire Committees	15.25
[72] E W King Abitration Lease to D M^{c}Carthy	10.
J Woodward late Clerk of County in full expences under E law	279.73
A Leggett Work Mud Scow to 18th Inst^{t}	148.07
J Mitchell & C^{o} 15 Casks Oil	1288.95
J Williams & J M^{c}Manus return tax of 1825 9th Ward $3.20 each	6.40
Lang Turner & C^{o} Subscription 6 Months 7 Inst^{t}	50.
Samuel S S Hoyt Clerk issuing Tavern Licences 39 days	78.
J Rogers Acc^{t} building Drain Mill street	180.
J Bailey Acc^{t} pav side walks Delancy S^{t} fr Broadway to Goereck s^{t}	120.
R Graves S^{t} Com^{r} Ac^{t} working 8th Avenue	1000.
J Scott bal pav Van Dam Str^{t} f^{r} M^{c}Dougall to Varick S^{t}	47.27
G Lovett act^{t} building bulk head Walnut S^{t} Slip	1500.
C Coles bal filling do do	420.83
R Graves S^{t} Com^{r} to pay W^{m} Burtsell bal purchase 9½ Acres Land at Harleem sold for taxes	18.03
J. P. Roome Super Repairs for Pump Dep^{t}	1200.
J. P. Roome do Fire Dep^{t}	1033.
J. P. Roome do Repairs	678.
J. P. Roome do building Offic & Stable for Superd^{t} Streets	605.

J. P. Roome Super Repairs for Lamps	100.	
Ald White Chairman Finance Comte for sweeps public ground	1000.	
A Burtis Super Alms House for New Hospital.....	2000.	
A Burtis do Alms House.....	5000.	20.116.84
	Balance	$7952.90

[73] In Common Council June 29th 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William P Rathbone	Abm M Valentine
William A Davis	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Richard Kingsland and others owners of property in Maiden Lane to have the Water carried over the surface of the Street together with a Profile of the said street from Nassau to South Street was read and referred to the Street and Canal Committees

[74] A Petition of George A Harrison for the removal of a Nuisance in the 12th Ward was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Remonstrance of John McComb John Watts and others against opening 4th Avenue from Bowery road to 83d Street was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of James Smith for extension of time on payment of Assessment for opening Sixth Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Mary Miller and others venders of Fruit located near the Circus in Broadway complaining of the practice of persons erecting stands on the side Walks for the purpose of selling fruits thereby injuring the Petitioners in their Business was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William S Watkins and others owners and occu-

ants of Houses in Van Dam Street to have the side walks of said treet regulated and paved between McDougall and Varick street was ead and referred to the Street Committee

[75] A Petition of Edgar Harriet and others for a Well to be unk and a Pump placed therein to be located on the North side of 'an Dam street between McDougal and Varick streets was read and eferred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street ommissioner

A Representation of the Commissioners of the School Fund rela- ive to the Bethel Baptist Church was read and referred to the Law ommittee

A Petition of E Causice for permission to place the Statute of Vashington in the Park on the 4th of July next was read and referred o the Committee of Arrangements together with the Committee on rts and Sciences with powers

A Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants against removing he Country Market of the Catherine Market was read and referred o the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Madary for a Butchers licence in Gouver- eur Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of sundry persons for a Well and Pump in Anthony treet near Broadway was read and referred to the Alderman and ssistant of the 5th Ward

[76] A Petition of Wm C Mulligan & others for a Well and Pump n Leonard street near Hudson street was read and referred to the lderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward

A Remonstrance from a number of Tenants of the Corporation nd others against the South Ferry was read and referred to the erry Committee

A Petition of James B Clark and Silas Butler respecting the rents f the Walnut street ferry was read and referred to the Finance Com- ittee

A Petition of Thomas A Ronald & others against raising the Street f Maiden Lane and carrying the Water over the ground was read nd referred to the Street and Canal Committees

A Petition of Jacob Schieffelin for reduction of Ground rent on Lot in Chatham street was read and referred to the Finance Com- ittee

A Petition of Jeromus Johnson to put up an Iron Stairs to his ouse No 16 South street was read and referred to the Street Com- ittee

[77] A Petition of Owners & Occupants of property against opening 11th & 12th Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Docr Cornelius Roosa for the appointment of Resident Physician to the Alms House was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Abeel & Dunscomb and others for permission to allow a fence put up for the correction of a nuisance to remain on Pier West side of Catherine street Ferry was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward

A Petition of Docr Wm McIntosh for the appointment of Physician to the Alms House was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Michael Burnham to have a nuisance prevented in the 9th Ward was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of James Patten for Water Grant between Hammond street and Bank street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of James Pinkerton for the amount of work in repaving Broad street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[78] A Petition of Peter Swan to have a fine remitted for not removing his Fish stall according to the directions of the Clerk of the Market accompanied with a recommendation of the Jurors who tried the cause was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 11th Ward praying that the Law prohibiting swimming & Bathing may be amended so as to extend to 24th Street on the East River was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William Munson praying to be allowed to purchase Lease of Stand No 7 Essex Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John C Tucker to obtain payment for building sewer in Broad street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Docr A D Wilson to be appointed Physician to the Alms House was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Richard Downing to be appointed an Inspector and Measurer of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[79] A Petition of John M Rowley to Lease the Lot of ground corner of South and Market streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Abraham Brower to be appointed City Sealer was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Communication from Doc^{r} Pascalis respecting Bellevue Hospital was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Silliman Editor of the paper called the Times praying that the said paper may be considered as one of the Corporation papers was read and petition granted.

An Invitation for Major Gen^{ll} Morton to the Corporation to the review of the Troops on the 4th July in front of the City Hall was read and Accepted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward to whom was referred a Petition of Inhabitants for a Well and Pump at the corner of Gouverneur and Lombardy streets presented a Report in favor of the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and [80] Pump in the vicinity of Lombardy & Gouverneurs streets, Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jameson Cox
William S Coe
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Law Committee to whom was referred the draft of an Ordinance relative to the sale of Water in the City presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom the draft of an Ordinance relative to the sale of Water in the City of New York was referred respectfully Report, that they do not consider it necessary to place the Water Carts, under the restriction of Licences, as the Drivers of those carts are not entrusted with the property of other persons like Cartmen Porters &c

The Committee have prepared an Ordinance for the preservation of the water in the Public Wells, and Cisterns, which they submit for the consideration of the Board

P. C Van Wyck
Tho^{s} Bolton
E Schieffelin

[81] which together with a Law was read by paragraphs and passed under the title of "A Law for the preservation of the Water in the Public Wells Pumps & Cisterns"

The Special Committee on Interments to whom was referred a Petition of a number of Citizens praying for the liberty of burial in private Vaults presented a Report which after considerable discussion was laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the members

The Special Committee on Gas to whom was referred a Resolution of the 13th February last directing enquiry into the expence of introducing the Gas light into the streets of this City presented a Report which was laid on the Table and the Report directed to be printed.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Steinson for a Licence to drive a hack presented the following Report against the same

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Steinson an Alien praying for a Licence to drive a Hackney Coach respectfully report; that the prayer of the Petition cannot be granted without a violation of the principle settled by the ordinance of May 22d and without a repeal of the 3d Section of an Ordinance of April 24th relative to Hackney Coaches

[82] Although the Petitioner is highly recommended; your Committee are of opinion that it would be improper to make any exceptions whatever to the principle adopted by the Board of denying Licences to Aliens

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

P. C Van Wyck
Thos Bolton
E Schieffelin

Which was approved

The Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred a Petition for a Well and Pump in Allen street near Rivington street presented a Report in favor of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eleventh Ward, and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Allen street near Rivington street. Report, that a Well is much required at that place and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Wm P. Rathbone
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[83] The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for a Well and Pump in Ludlow street near Delancy street. Presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Ludlow street near Delancy street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted

Gideon Ostrander
Abm M Valentine
R Graves

Which was approved and the resoluton adopted

The Committee on Whaves Piers & Slips on the petition of John G Vought for permission to erect a floating Bathing House foot of Marketfield street presented the following report against the same

The Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips to whom was referred the petition of John G Vought Respectfully Report

that the Petitioner represents that he is desirous of constructing a bathing establishment to combine all the advantages of Warm Cold and Shower bathing in fresh and Salt Water, also [84] Alkaline, Steam and other Medicinal Baths, on a new and useful plan

The Petitioner asks of the Board to grant him, his heirs and Assigns, for the term of Six years the sole privilege of creating and keeping a bathing establishment, to be stationed over the water, at or near the West side of Pier number One, near the United States Boat House on the East side of the Battery, or on the west side of the Battery about thirty feet from the Shore immediately opposite the lower end of the South line of Marketfield street, for the term of Ten years

Your Committee are of opinion that an establishment of the nature of that contemplated by the Petitioner ought not to be placed in the immediate neighbourhood of a place, of such great public resort, as the Battery—The Waters adjoining this delightful spot, which is the pride of the City, and one of its greatest beauties, ought in the opinion of your Committee to be kept entirely free from all obstructions whatever; they therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Anthony Lamb
Mathew Reed
John Hitchcock
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[85] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Gifford and others for opening Tenth street between Broadway and the 6th Avenue presented a Report in favor of the same which was together with a Remonstrance of Henry Brevoort against the same referred back to the Street Committee

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Resolution for repaving Pearl street between Broad street and the Old Slip and the remonstrance against the alteration of the regulation thereof presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for repaving Pearl street between Broad street and the Old Slip and the Remonstrance against the Alteration of the regulation thereof Report, that in consequence of widening Pearl street at the head of Coenties Slip, the repaving of that section of Pearl street together with a part of Coenties Slip street is rendered indispensible and accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that so much of Pearl street between Broad street and the Old Slip together with such portion of Coenties Slip as may be necessary be repaved

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P. Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[86] The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Rutgers and others praying that the directions given them to flagg the side Walks of Bancker Street may be countermanded presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Rutgers & others praying that the directions given them to flagg the side walks of Banker street to the width of not less than ten feet, may be countermanded and that eight feet may be substituted and deemed sufficient—Report that in their opinion the walks of that

street ought not to be paved less than ten feet in front of the Vacant Lots, and to the whole width in front of the Lots improved with buildings and accordingly they submit the following resolution— Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom [was referred the petition for] regulating and paving Montgomery Street from Division Street to the River presented the following report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for regulating [87] and paving Montgomery street from Division street to the River Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Montgomery street be regulated and paved from Division street to the East River

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for repaving Catherine street between Division and Bancker Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for repaving Catherine Street between Division Street and Bancker Street Report that the repaving that Street is highly necessary and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Catherine Street be repaved from Bancker street to Division street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[88] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving the side Walks of Attorney street between Broome and North street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee report on the annexed Resolution for paving

the side walks of Attorney street between Broome and North streets that in their opinion the paving of the side walks of that Street is necessary and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Attorney street between Broome and North streets be paved

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for laying Cross walks and paving the side Walks of Cherry street between Rutgers street and Corlaers street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee report on the annexed Resolution for laying cross walks and paving the side walks of Cherry street between Rutgers street and Corlaers street that in their opinion the paving of the side walks and laying of the cross walks are much required in that street, and [89] therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the side Walks be paved and cross walks laid in Cherry street between Rutgers & Corlaers street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of Property on Sheriff street between Stanton and North street for permission to regulate and pave said Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of the property on Sheriff street between Stanton and North street for permission to regulate and pave that Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[90] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Ferguson for relief in regulating and filling in Mulberry street presented the Petition and made a verbal request that said Committee be discharged from the consideration of said subject and that the same be referred to the Committee on Charity Whereupon the Committee was discharged and the Petition was referred to the Finance Committee

It was moved and seconded that the Board now take up the consideration of the Law amending the Law for the Government of the Alms House in order to fill up the blank of the first Section respecting the Salary which was agreed to and the blank was filled up with the words Fifteen hundred Dollars

The Board then proceeded to the Election of a person to fill the Office of Resident Physician when after several Ballots Doctor Isaac Wood received Fourteen Votes which being a Majority of Votes he was declared duly chosen—And it was Resolved that Isaac Wood be and he is hereby appointed Resident Physician to the Bellevue Hospital

Mr Schieffelin presented a Resolution requesting his Excellency De Witt Clinton to sit for his Portrait to be placed in the Gallery of [91] Portraits in the City Hall

Whereas it has hitherto been the patriotic endeavour of the Common Council of this City to perpetuate the remembrance of distinguished patriots by transmitting to succeeding Ages their personal resemblances and whereas the Common Council deem an observance of the Custom highly laudable and eminently patriotic and in common with their fellow Citizens feel deeply impressed with this Sentiment when they cast their eyes to the invaluable portrait of the Great Washington which now adorns this Hall And whereas this custom has been invariably adopted in relation to the distinguished Chief Magistrates of this State with but one exception from the first period of their first Republican Governor the venerable George Clinton And whereas the eminent and patriotic services of the present Chief Magistrate demand the spontaneous gratitude of his fellow Citizens and will secure the grateful remembrance of posterity while the waters of the Lakes roll to the Atlantic—Now therefore, in accordance with such feeling Resolved that it be the duty of the Committee on Arts and Sciences to request of his Excellency—De Witt Clinton permission that an American Artist be selected by his Excellency to take a full length Portriat to be placed in this Hall, and further that such Picture may contain such emblematic [92] allusion as shall mark an epoch in the annals of this State unparalled in the Grandeur of design

unrivalled in the execution of the present system of internal improvement which is so rapidly unfolding the various and inexaustible resources of our Republic

Mr Engs moved that the Resolution be laid on the Table—The question being taken thereon and a Division called by Mr Schieffelin the Members voted as follows

Negative Ald Cebra Gilford Agnew Lamb Reed Randolph, Mr Bolton Mott Mr Van Wyck Hitchcock Arcularius Lozier Peters Valentine Pittman Schieffelin 16

Affirmative—Mr Recorder Ald Cox Taylor Ostrander Rathbone Davis Mr Coe Engs 8

So it passed in the Negative—The following substitute was then presented and adopted and directed to be carried into effect under direction of the Committee of Arts and Sciences

Resolved that his Excellency De Witt Clinton Governor of this State and Joseph C Yates Esqr late Governor be requested to sit for their Portraits at full length to be taken by American Artists at the selection of their Excellencies and to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits in the City Hall—To be done under the direction of the Committee on Arts and Sciences

[93] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments whereupon Warrants were directed to issue

The Commissioner herewith presents returns of Delinquents, on sundry Assessments Viz

For building a Bulk head and filling the same at Walnut Slip

For Building a drain in Mill street

For regulating Water street and flagging the side walks thereof from Pike to Rutgers street

For laying the side walks of Delancy Street between the Bowery and Goerck street

And for a Well and Pump in Henry street near Gouverneur street, in order that Warrants may issue on each to Morris D Camp the Collector

Respectfully submitted

R Graves
St Comr

Morris D Camp was appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto

For a Well and Pump in Allen street near Rivington street and

Abraham Dally, Corn[s] M[c]Lean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Lombardy street between Governeur and Scammel street [94] and John Tout David Lyon & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Ludlow street near Delancy street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin Jun[r] and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For laying side walks and cross walks in Cherry street from Rutgers street to Corlaers Street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn Junior & John M[c]Kesson were appointed Assessors

For repaving Pearl street from Broad street to Old Slip together with part of Coenties Slip and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For repaving Catherine street from Bancker street to Division street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For regulating and Paving Sheriff street from Stanton street to North Street and John Brower Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Attorney Street from Broome to North street and John Targee [95] Abraham Baudoine and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For regulating and Paving Montgomery street from Division street to the East River and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy & Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an abstract of the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening 32[d] Street between the 10[th] Avenue and the Hudson River in order that a Collector may be appointed thereto which was read [and] Morris D Camp appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N[o] 1.	W[m] Shaw	Owner	M[c]Dougal street	A Lot
2.	J Rushton	do	Ridge street	do
3.	J D Livingston	do	do	do
4.	Geo: Lovett	do	L[a]urens street	do
5.	Jn[o] G Coster	do	Bleecker street	do
6.	C Codell	do	Watts street	do

7. F Jarvis	Owner	Lewis street	A Lot
8. Th[s] Pope	do	do	do
9 Jn[o] Flack	do	do	do
10. [96] M Hunt	Agent	Sullivan S[t]	do
11. J Moore	Owner	Mercer S[t]	do
12. J H Varian	do	Broome S[t]	do
13. J Pearson	do	Orange S[t]	do
14. J Murdock	do	Greenwich S[t]	do
15. R Varian	do	M[c]Dougal S[t]	do
16. A Vass	do	Pump S[t]	do
17. J S Conger	do	Sixth S[t]	do
18. W[m] P Hallet	do	Seventh S[t]	do
19. P[r] R Mitchell	do	Avenue D	do
20. S Ficket	do	do	do
21. F[s] M[c]Cabe	do	Cherry S[t]	do
22. F Ames	do	Augustus S[t]	do
23. C W Sandford	do	Laurens S[t]	do
24. M Bowne	do	Green S[t]	do

George Cuming
29th June 1826 City Insp[r]

The Counsel presented the Draft of a Law to amend the Law for the Inspection of Fire Wood which after some discussion was laid on the Table for further consideration

It was ordered that the Report of the Police and Watch Committee in the case of M[r] Collet be the order of the day at the next meeting after the Court shall pass sentence in the Causes

The following were appointed Firemen and the resignations accepted the Chief Engineer [97] certifying the Vacancies Viz

Fire Engine Company

N[o] 4

Joseph Manning Thimble Maker 37 James S[t]
V[c] James L Wallace Resigned

James C Alcock Printer 96 Canal S[t] V[c] William Wallace Resigned

N[o] 8

William Costigan Sadler N[o] 8 Park place
V[c] James E Meekes Resigned

Rene J Marcet Tiner Provoost street
V[o] Joseph W Rogers Resigned

Washington Ryder Grocer N[o] 8 Park place
V[c] William Mott—Resigned

N° 20

Andrew Kearney Sadler Robinson street
V^e Peter Marcelus Resigned

N° 25

Charles R Hatfield Carpenter Cor. Provoost & Greenwich S^t
V^e Charles Colgate—Resigned

N° 35

William Randell Farmer Harlem
V° Benjamin P Benson—Moved to N York
John S Adriance Grocer Harlaem V^e John Randel—Time expired

N° 37

Henry Russell Carpenter 261 Grand S^t
V° Patrick Clendenen Time expired

Fire Hook & Ladder C° N° 2

Stephen Thorn Grocer 71 John S^t V^e Jacob Wardell Resigned

[98] The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act^t 19^th Ins^t	$7952.93
Rec^d for Streets	3735.51
Mayoralty fees	122.
Wells & Pumps	43.60
Commutation Alien Passengers	25.
	$11.879.04

57 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart	Watch	1	Dis^t					1233.75
Hibberd & Clark	do	2	"					841.75
Stagg & Bleakley	do	3	"					768.25
Jacob Hays	High Constable			1	Qu^r	Sal	1 July	125.
Astin & Higbie	Messengers			1	Mo	"	"	60.
O Ayres	Ass^t City Inspector			1	Mo	"	"	45.50
J. Coffin	do				"	"	"	45.50
G Lathrop	S^t Inspector	1^st	Ward		"	"	"	37.50
P Wright	do	2^d	"		"		"	37.50
J. J. Ebbets	do	3^d	"		"		"	37.50
N B Lyon	do	4^th	"		"		"	37.50
I A Isaacs	do	5^th	"		"		"	37.50
J M. Thomas	do	6^th	"		"		"	37.50
B Fuller	do	7^th	"		"		"	37.50
J Stephens	do	8^th	"		"		"	37.50
H Mott	do	9^th	"		"		"	37.50
D Hubbard	do	10^th	"		"		"	37.50
J Woodruff	do	11^th	"		"		"	37.50
A M^cCready	Keeper	Park			"	"	"	30.
C Gilman	do	Battery			"	"	"	30.

T Parker & C Crane Sunday service 6th Ward 24 days to 26th Inst	36.	
[99] Wm A Hardenbrook Sunday service 9th Ward 21 days to 26th Inst	31.50	
J Morton Clerk C C Hack hire for Committees &c	12.	
A W Butler posting bills	10.	
Aldn Cebra Attending Courts 6 Months to 1 July	48.	
Ald Gilford " " "	48.	
Ald Agnew " " "	24.	
Ald Lamb " " "	84.	
Ald Cox " " "	48.	
Ald Randolph " " "	4.	
Ald Taylor " " "	120.	
Ald Ostrander " " "	160.	
Ald Rathbone " " "	48.	
Ald Davis " " "	48.	
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Month 1 July	45.50	
J Pinckney do " "	45.50	
C Duryea Clk Fulton Market " "	41.67	
I Asten sweeper do " "	38.59	
R Smith Clk Franklin " " "	37.50	
A Burtis Super Alms House & Officers 1 Qutr 1 July	650.	
G Snethen Lighting Lamps 1 Month "	941.62	
G Snethen Super Lamps 1 Qur Salary "	137.50	
R Provoost repairing Lamps 1 Month "	142.12	
Wm Davis Junr printing sund[r]ies to 22d Inst	215.38	
Gould & Banks 45 Laws of the State 1826	101.25	
Aaron Clark 26 Copies parliamentary Practice	34.	
H Smith 2d Instalment bulkhead Cath & Market Slips	315.45	
C Coles bal pav Attorney St from Broome to Stanton St	118.24	
Jas Kent for opinion on Law 1823 on reg of certain Streets	100.	
J O Hoffman do do	100.	
[100] G. Tucker repairs Culvert Canal & Thompson St sewers	72.62	
J McComb repairs Intersections 1st Ward	32.30	
J. Rogers repairs Side walks Eldridge st front Watch House	13.60	
Proprietors Commercial & Albany Argus advertisg to redeem Taxes 10 Novr 1824	39.	
J Gallagher 1st payt well Division St near Attorney st	104.16	
R Pettegrew for Well Grand near Rynder St	104.	
J Fleming Treasr Amt pd Witnesses ordered by Court	50.	7793.75
	Balance	$4085.29

Board adjourned to meet on Monday fortnight at 5 OClock P M

[101] In Common Council July 8th 1826

Special Meeting

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	John Hitchcock
Campbell P White	Henry Arcularius
John Agnew	John Lozier
Anthony Lamb	William S Coe
Mathew Reed	Philip W Engs
Jameson Cox	John R Peters
Stuart F Randolph	Abm M. Valentine
Gideon Ostrander	Lemuel Pittman
William P Rathbone	
William A Davis	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had summoned his Meeting in consequence of intelligence having been received of he Deaths of the venerable Patriots and distinguished Statesmen John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and read

Whereas this Common Council has received intelligence of the Decease of those venerable patriots of the Revolution [102] John Adams and Thomas Jefferson who having been permitted by Divine Providence to survive the age usually allotted to man to witness the fiftieth anniversary on the day on which they signed the Declaration of Independance; and after having contributed in an eminent degree to maintain and enforce its glorious principles, did on that day, full of years and honors, close their illustrious career; Therefore

Resolved, that the following measures be adopted to express the high opinion which this Board entertain of the services, and their veneration for the memory of the deceased

1st Resolved, that the Common Council Chamber be put in mourning and that the members of the Common Council wear crape on the left arm for the term of one Month

2d Resolved that the persons having charge of the several Churches be requested to cause the bells to [be] tolled on Wednesday next from 8 to 9 OClock A M from 12 to 1 and from 6 to 7 P M

3d Resolved that the flag upon the City Hall be hoisted half-mast on that day, and the owners and masters of Vessels in the harbour and

the proprietors of public buildings be requested to have their colours hoisted at half-mast from sun rise to sun set on the same day

4th Resolved that Major General Morton be requested to give orders that minute guns be fired during the day at such place as he may appoint

5th Resolved that his Honor the Mayor request the United States Military and Naval commandants on this station to co-operate with this Board in their expression of respect for the memory of the deceased

6th Resolved, that the Revd Docr Rowan be requested to deliver an address suited to the occasion in the Middle Dutch Church in Nassau street on the morning of Wednesday next, and that the members of the Common Council will assemble at the Common Council Chamber at half past nine OClock in the morning of that day and walk in procession to the said Church and that the following persons be invited to assemble at the City Hall for the purpose of accompanying the Common Council Vizt

[103] The Reverend Clergy
The Cincinnati
The Governor Lieutenant Governor and other State Officers
The Judges of the United States, State and City Courts
Members of the Senate and House of Representatives U S.
Members of the Senate and Assembly of the State
Ministers and Consuls of Foreign Courts
Officers of the Army and Navy of the United States
Officers of the Militia
Trustees and Faculty of Columbia College
Citizens

7th Resolved, that it be respectfully recommended to our fellow citizens to abstain from business during the solemnities of the day.

8th Resolved, that the Revd the Clergy of our City who have charge of Churches, be respectfully requested to notice in a solemn and appropriate manner in their respective Churches on the morning of Sunday the 16th Inst the remarkable dispensation of Divine Providence, which we experience in the death of two of the Illustrious signers of the Declaration of our Independance on the Fiftieth Anniversary

9th Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate the preceeding Resolutions to the families of the late Hon: John Adams and the Hon: Thomas Jefferson and to express the deep sense entertained by the Common Council of the exalted worth and eminent

ervices of these illustrious individuals and that we sincerely sympathise on this melancholy occasion in the loss which they and our country have sustained.

The first five Resolutions were adopted the remaining Resolutions were referred to the Committee appointed under the following Resolution

Resolved that a Committee of Six be appointed to carry into effect he foregoing Resolutions and to adopt such other measures as they nay deem expedient. The Committee appointed were Alderman White, Lamb, Rathbone Agnew M[r] Valentine and the Recorder

[104] In Common Council July 17[th] 1826

Present The Honb[l] Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Jun.	William W Mott
Champbell P White	P. C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William A Davis	Ab[m] M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved

A Petition of Cadwallader D Colden that the Common Council will assent to the transfer of Francis B Ogden and Samuel Swar[t]wout to he Petitioner of their Title under the Lease of the Ferry to Jersey City was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers

[105] A. Petition for regulating opening and working the 4[th] Avenue from 13[th] to 83[d] Street was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Judah Hammond for permission to Build a Brick Cistern in North street. in front of his property was read and referred o the Alderman & Assistant of the 11[th] Ward & Street Commissioner vith powers

A Petition of Benjamin N Disbrow for the appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of George Dutch & others to have the Side walks in Prince Street Paved between Broadway and Mercer Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Charles Brooks for the Office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of a Number of Inhabitants to regulate the Sale of Hay in Bundles was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William Berrian Collector of the 5th Ward for increase of Commissions was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[106] A Memorial of James Bleecker praying the appointment of Auctioneer to the Corporation was laid on the Table

A Communication was presented by the Recorder Chairman of the La Fayette Committee requesting to have his Accounts and Vouchers referred to a Committee for examination was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Mr Jones and others inhabitants of the 12th Ward for the abatement of a Nuisance near 3d Avenue which was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with a request that they would cause the nuisance to be abated

A Petition of sundry persons for laying side Walks in Hudson street from Charlton to Christopher Street &c which was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William B Lawrence and others for opening 10th Street from Broadway to the 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of Mary Spingler against opening 14th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[107] A Remonstrance of the Executors of the late Peter Dunstan and others against opening 14th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jesse Gould for the Office of Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Townsend Cock & J Concklin of Brooklyn praying that they may be enabled to enjoy the Wharfage &c of Pier in front of Lot N° 16 at Brooklyn (which is now used by the New York & Brooklyn Steam Boat Company without any Compensation) as secured to them by Lease which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Seth P Gregory for the appointment of the Office of

City Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Edward Crumnay for Stall N° 31 in the Catherine Market at present occupied by William M^cCready who is willing to give the same to him was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas Sibert stating that he had purchased the Stall N° 4 in Essex Market from the Common Council and now prays for a Butchers Licence for said Stall was referred to the Market Committee

[108] A Petition of Gilbert Fowler and others praying the Common Council to regulate by Law the Sale of Hay in Bundles was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance of John Astin against opening Seventy ninth Street was read and referred to the Road Committee

Also a Remonstrance from a Number of Inhabitants against opening Seventy ninth Street was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Fishermen and others at Fulton Market for the removal of the Steam Boats from the Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The Board of Supervisors to whom was referred the Petition of the City Measurers presented the following Report

Board of Supervisors July 17, 1826

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Measurers of the City stating that there was a difference between the Measure of Half Bushel possessed by M^r Simpson and that of M^r Spencer County Sealers Report

[109] that they have made enquiry into the subject and find that in July 1821 in consequence of a Letter from John V N Yates Esq^r Secratary of State stating there were inaccuracies in the half bushel then in use in this City it was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to procure the proper Standard Measure That the Committee are informed that Alderman King Chairman of the Committee received from the Secretary of State a Standard Measure of Half Bushel which was deposited in the Office of the Street Commissioner Which Standard Measure is now in the Office of the Street Commissioner

That M^r Simpson states that the Standard is not correct and does not compare with that of the State, of the correctness of this Statement the Committee have had no opportunity of Judging, but they

think that at present the Standard now in the Street Commissioners Office is to be the guide of the Sealers—And they think the following Resolution should be passed by the Board—Resolved that the Standard of Weights and Measures now deposited in the Street Commissioners Office be the standard for the guide of the Sealers &c of the City & County

By order of the Board of Supervisors

Philip Hone
Anthony Lamb
Jameson Cox
J Morton
John Yates Cebra
Samuel Gilford Jr
[110] Campbell P White
John Agnew
Stuart F Randolph
Jacob B Taylor
Signed Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for regulating and paving Ridge Pitt & Willet Streets between Stanton and North Streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for regulating and paving Ridge street, Pitt Street, and Willet Street between Stanton street and North Street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners is necessary and proper and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jeromus Johnson for permission to erect an Iron Stairs to the 2d Story from the Stoop [111] in front of his Store No 16 South street presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition

f Jeromus Johnson for permission to erect an Iron Stairs to the econd Story from the Stoop in front of his Store N° 16 South street— Leport that inasmuch as that by an Ordinance of this Common Coun. il Stoops or Steps are not permitted to be erected of more than five eet in height in any Street in this City, your Committee are of the pinion that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner nd Accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petiioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the wners and occupants of property on Burrows street between Herring nd Christopher streets praying that the same might be regulated and aved reported in favor of the same as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition f the owners and occupants of property on Burrows street between 112] Herring & Christopher street to have that Street regulated and aved Report their opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that Burrows street be regulated and paved from Herring treet to Christopher Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred a Petition nd Remonstrance concerning the late Improvement in Broad street resented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred a Petition nd Remonstrance concerning the late improvement of Broad street Respectfully Report that your Committee omitted to allude to the aving of said Street in their former Report and having considered he subject they are of opinion that the present Board are bound to onfirm the Assessment for said paving in asmuch as it was contracted or and accepted by the proper authorities under an Ordinance of our redecessors—Therefore we submit the following Resolution

[113] Resolved that the Assessment for repaving Broad street be and the same is hereby confirmed

NYork 12th July 1826

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and Morris De Camp appointed Collector

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Van Dam Street between McDougal & Varick streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Van Dam street between McDougal & Varick streets Report that in their opinion a Well is necessary at the place prayed for by the petitioners accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Stuart F Randolph
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[114] The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition of P & G Lorillard for an extension of the sewer in Collect street presented the following Report against the same

The Canal Committee on the reference of the annexed petition from Peter and George Lorillard praying for the extension of the sewer in Collect street as far as Franklin street Report

That notwithstanding they coincide with the representation of the petitioners, that the Water course in Collect street from Pearl Street to the commencement of the Canal Sewer is a nuisance and one that must cause serious inconvenience in the neighbourhood during heavy rains; yet, your Committee are persuaded from full investigation, that relief cannot be afforded in the premises by an extension of said Sewer to Franklin street, unless it should be continued to Pearl street and in this distance there are difficulties to encounter as regards the soil, which in the estimation of your Committee render it doubtfull whether a bottom could be formed to support a sewer, this being the deepest part of what was formerly called the "Collect pond"

Apart from these considerations there is a condition relative to the mode of Assessment in the application referred *referred* to your Committee, which would go to counteract the decision of the Supreme Court in the Case of the Canal sewer (and is therefore inadmissible) which [115] renders it proper to submit for approval the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted

P W Engs
Henry Arcularius
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Law Committee to whom a representation of the Commissioners of School Money was referred, relative to an Appraisement of certain property in favor of the Bethel Church presented the following Report justifying the Commissioners in resisting the Claim of the Bethel Church

The Law Committee to whom a representative of the Commissioners of School Money was referred relative to an appraisement of certain property in favor of the Bethel Baptist Church, and the objections of the Commissioners to the payment of the same Respectfully report that they have examined into the circumstances and are of opinion that the Commissioners do right to resist the Claim The Committee refer the Board to the annexed Report of the Law Committee formerly made on the subject and which goes into the reasons for resisting the claim at length

Your Committee recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Counsel of the Board with instructions to resist the claim, [116] and defend any suit at Law or in Equity which may be brought against the Commissioners of the School Money

P. C Van Wyck
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed accordingly to defend any suit brought against the Commissioners

The Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons praying that the Well in John Street near William Street may be repaired &c presented the following Report

The Alderman and Assistant of the second Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons praying that the Well in John Street near William Street may be rendered use-

ful by deepening it, or (if that is impracticable) a new Well and Pump may be substituted

Report that they have caused the said Well to be examined and the result is that it is not capable of being deepened so as to be rendered useful—and as a Well is much Wanted in that vicinity the[y] recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a pump erected therein [117] in John Street near William Street and that the old Well be filled up

Samel Gilford Junr
Wm W Mott
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of John P Deitrich and Abraham Le Foy for the appointment of Auctioneers to the Corporation presented a report which after some discussion was postponed

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Rhode Island Coal Company presented a Report which after some discussion was postponed

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Swan for the remission of a Fine for not obeying the orders of the Clerk of the Spring street Market presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of Peter Swan was referred, praying the remission of a fine imposed for not obeying the order of the Clerk of the Spring street Market respectfully report—That in consideration of the respect which they feel for the opinion of the Jury who tried the Case, they are induced to recommend [118] a remission of the fine upon payment of the costs and submit the following Resolution

Resolved, that the fine imposed upon Peter Swan be remitted on payment of the Costs

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom was referred Alderman Agnews resolution relating to obstructions &c presented the following Report together with the opinion of the Counsel of the Board

The Police Committee to whom the Resolution of Alderman Agnew of 24th April last was referred respectfully report—That they have taken the Opinion of the Counsel on the subject which is also annexed: And that they coincide in the opinion of the Counsel that Legislative interference is necessary. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Subject be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, with instructions to prepare and report the Draft of a Law to be presented at the next Session

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

The opinion of the Counsel was as follows

The Laws, I conceive, are sufficient to [119] prohibit the obstructions which are usually placed in the Rivers around this City, during the Spring but the difficulty will be found to exist in the execution of the Law—I have heretofore had occasion to make enquiries on this subject, and understood that nothing short of an efficient armed force would be sufficient to remove the stakes and poles out of the Rivers—The fishermen, it is said, have always resisted any interference with their fishing preparations; and that it is impracticable to arrest and punish them—It becomes necessary therefore, to provide a Vessel to remove the obstructions, and to prevent their being placed in the river hereafter—This vessel ought to be provided with a sufficient number of hands, and perhaps ought to be armed, as it is said the fishermen will not yield to any force—If this be requisite, it will easily be perceived, that a considerable expence will have to be incurred annually; and to what amount the Committee will have to ascertain—Whether a measure of this Character ought to be adopted by this Common Council alone, or in conjunction with the State Legislature, or how otherwise, are matters also for the consideration of the Committee—The Hudson far beyond the limits of this City, is also obstructed by fishing Poles, and the whole state is interested in the matter under consideration—But altho' the laws are highly penal on the offenders it has been hitherto found impossible to enforce them against the fisherman—whether the importance of an unobstructed River navigation to the people of [120] this City and State, would not justify the expenditure necessary to correct the evils complained of, cannot I should think admit of much doubt—But as the season is already far advanced, it perhaps may be expedient to refer this matter to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, in order that an early representation

may be made to the Legislature at its next session and their co-operation requested

I make these suggestions for the consideration of the Committee, and will afford with pleasure any further aid in my power respecting the above matter

very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved and the whole referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of the 12th Ward relative to the dangerous use of Fire Arms presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom the petition of certain Inhabitants of the 12th Ward was referred praying that means may be devised to prevent the dangerous use of fire arms by persons in pursuit of Game Respectfully report, that they consider the evils set forth in the Petition as very serious greivances to the inhabitants of that Ward

[121] That in the opinion of the Committee, all hunting and shooting at game ought to be prohibited on the Island of New York—The Committee therefore recommend that the subject be referred to the Counsel of the Board with instructions to prepare an Ordinance to that effect and with heavy penalties for the infraction of the Ordinance

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
Wm A Davis

Which was approved and it was referred accordingly to the Counsel to report an Ordinance

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Levy Ancker for compensation for certain services rendered presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of Levi Ancker praying compensation for certain services, was referred, Respectfully report

That they have examined into the case and find that Mr Ancker, by the direction of the Chairman of the Police Committee attended at the Theatre at night and took charge of the Hackney Coaches and caused them to comply with the Law, that he rendered this service during a considerable part of the last winter at least for two months for which he has not yet received any Compensation

That he was also requested by the Alderman and Assistant of the Third [Ward] to attend to the duties [122] of the Street Inspector in he month of April last during the ilness of Mr Martin the Street Inpector that he attended to this extra duty about three weeks and has ot received any Compensation for it—Your Committee therefore conider that he is entitled to compensation and that Fifty dollars would ot be more than sufficient and therefore recommend that a Warrant sue in his favor for that amount—Resolved that the Comptroller ssue his Warrant in favor of Levi Ancker in full compensation of all ervices rendered by him to the Common Council

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Miller and others venders of Fruit near the Circus in Broadway resented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of Mary Miller and thers venders of Fruit near the Circus in Broadway was referred: Respectfully report—That the Petitioners complain that other persons rect stands on the Side walks near their Shops, for the purpose of sellng fruit, *at* [and] that it interferes with their Custom; and they pray or the interference of the Common Council in the premises—Your Committee are of opinion that [123] by the 26th Section of the Law elating to the duties of the Street Commissioner a remedy is provided or the injury complained of—And that the proper relief for the Petiioners can be obtained by applying to the Attorney of the Board—Your Committee therefore pray to be discharged from the further onsideration of this Petition

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of Mr Engs in relation to the impounding of Hogs presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom the annexed resolution was referred, respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the present Law respecting swine could not be obtained by impounding

them. The 21st Section of the Law entitled "An Act relative to the duties and privileges of Towns" Vol 2d page 134 provides for the establishment of Pounds in the City of New York—the poundage for *for* a hog is six cents, keeping him three cents per day after being kept six days he may be sold and upon deducting the poundage fee and expences the surplus is to be returned to the Owner

If the Hog is applied for before he is sold he must be restored upon payment of the six Cents poundage fee & three cents per day for keeping him

[124] The Committee therefore believe that impounding the Hogs would be attended with great trouble and expence and that the nuisance would not be effectually corrected in that way—All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Draft of Law relating to the Stands of Hackney Coaches presented the following Report together with said Draft amended &c.

The Police Committee to whom the Draft of the annexed Law was recommitted Respectfully report that they have reconsidered the same, and have struck out the second Section; and recommend the adoption of the remaining part of the Law

John Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Law was passed under the title of "a Law to designate proper places as stands for Hackney Coaches"

The Police Committee to whom was referred the several petitions of sundry persons praying to have their hogs restored presented a Report in favor of the same which was referred to the Charity Committee with powers

[125] The Mayor stated a notice had been served upon him, that application would be made at the Supreme Court on the 18th of August in behalf of Walter Franklin and others for a Rule that the Clerk of the Supreme Court pay over to them $3075 paid into the hands of said Clerk by the Corporation, being monies awarded to unknown owners for damages in widening Bancker Street from Oliver to Pike street Whereupon the same was ordered to be filed

The Street Commissioner presented a final return of Delinquents n sundry Assessments which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances hich were passed and Assessors appointed to each viz[t]

For a Well and Pump in John street near William street and amuel S[t] John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed ssessors

For a Well and Pump in Van Dam street between M[c]Dougal and arick streets and John Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were ppointed Assessors

For paving Willet Street from Stanton to North Street and John idell Abraham Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

[126] For Paving Ridge Street from Stanton to North Streets and ohn Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

For filling Broome and Delancy street Slips and William Torrey lexander Coffin Jun[r] & Ab[m] Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For paving Pitt Street from Stanton to North street and John Tar-ee Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

The Counsel presented the following Report together with a Deed f Cession from Nicholas W Stuyvesant and others for a part of hirteenth Street

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits a deed of cession from Nicholas W. Stuyvesant and others for a part of Thirteenth street, ursuant to the Resolution of the Board of the 22[d] May last

This cession, together with the one already accepted by the Board ompletes the conveyance on the part of 13[th] Street from Stuyvesant treet to the East River according to the Resolution of the Board— t will be proper to have the Deed recorded in the usual manner

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be entered on Record

The City Inspector presented the following Report relative to unken ground and [127] its filling in by public Authority fronting n Mercer street together with an Ordinance

The City Inspector respectfully states that fronting on Mercer treet and forming what is supposed will be Fifth street, that the round has been excavated by one of the heirs of the late Elizabeth

Depeysters Estate of which Mr Elbert Herring is Executor, that gentleman has been applied to, and an Ordinance served on him without Effect, the interference of the Board by directing it to be filled in at the Public Expence is the only remedy that can be resorted to in this instance, which is suggested may be done—An ordinance is herewith presented for that purpose

George Cuming
City Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance passed

He also presented a similar Report respecting a Nuisance fronting on Mott street together with an Ordinance

The City Inspector presents to the Board an Ordinance to correct a Nuisance on a Vacant Lot on Mott street between Grand and Broome Streets there are eight owners to this Lot, and an Agent, and the nuisance cannot be abated but by directing it to be done at the public charge; and holding a Lien on the Lot for the Expence thereof, which he respectfully suggests may be directed to be done

George Cuming City Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance Passed

[128] The City Inspector presented sundry Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances sixteen in number which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully report the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No 1.	B Smith	owner	No 22	Collect street	A Lot
2.	do	do	No 109	Franklin street	do
3.	E Herring	do		Chambers Street	do
4.	Js C Everitt	do		do	do
5.	Js Mullany	do	No 100	Warren Street	do
6.	N Sandford	do	No 537	Water street	do
7.	Rt M Livingston	do		Broome Street	do
8.	Rt Gracie	do		Dover street	do
9.	F Pell	do		Grand street	do
10.	M Hoffman	do	No 474	Pearl street	do
11.	A L Underhill	do		Christopher Street	do
12.	John R Livingston	do		Lewis street	do
13.	Mrs A White	do	No 15	Ann street	do
14.	P Embury Senr	do	17	Do	do
15.	E Herring	Executor		Mercer Street	do
16.	Js A Hamilton	Agent		Mott street	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

No 2

William D Ivans Ship Carpenter Lombardy St
Vc Charles A Whittingham Resigned

[129] Peter McNamara Ship Carpenter 25 Norfolk Street
Vc Alfred Tillotson—Resigned

Benjamin Fuller Rigger 166 Bancker Street
Vc John Palmer—Resigned

No 5

John F Havens Brass Founder Duane Street
Vc Robert Genders—Time Expired

William A Haydock Accountant 248 Pearl Street
Vc William Winterton—Resigned

No 8

John McBrair Merchant 96 Canal Street
Vc Andrew Gasner—Resigned

No 12

James Stuart Grate Maker 15 Rose street
Vc John S Willet Time Expired

Fire Hook & Lader Company

No 1

Thomas G Tallmadge Grocer 39 Stone street
Vc John Heath—Time expired

Fire Hose Company

No 1

Charles A King Grocer No 1 Park
Vc Cornr M Ederson—Resigned

William Thorne Cook Clerk 263 Water street
Vc Walter B Townsend—Resigned

Fire Warden 11th Ward

Jacob Seaman Crossby near Bleecker St
Vc James Israel—Declines Serving

[130] Mr Schieffelin presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Charity—Resolved that the Assessment imposed on the African Free School in Mulberry street for the Canal in Canal

street amounting to between $18 & $19 be remitted and that the Clerk of the Common Council notify the Collector of the remission

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was laid on the Table

Resolved that in case of the remission of any Assessment that it be the duty of the Clerk to notify the Collector of the remission

Alderman Agnew presented the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee & Canal Committee in conjunction with the Counsel of the Board and Street Commissioner to enquire into the expediency and necessity of connecting the Waters of the Hudson & East Rivers by a Canal across the Island and that if deemed expedient and necessary that they report to this Board a suitable designation of the proper rout for said Canal which would best comport with the public good and least expensive to those concerned

Alderman Cebra prestented the following resolution which was referred to the Law Committee

Resolved that the Law Committee be instructed to include in their revision of the Laws such of the [131] Laws of the State as are immediately applicable to the business of the Corporation

Mr Pittman presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks be laid in Lewis street from Rivington to North streets.

Alderman Taylor then called up the Report of the Street Committee on the Salary of the Street Commissioner and Assistant Street Commissioner which was as follows. The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution to enquire into the propriety of increasing the compensation allowed to the Street Commissioner and Deputy Street Commissioner beg leave to Report

That they have given the subject an attentive Consideration. That the duties performed in the Street Commissioners department have greatly increased within a few years, so much so as to occupy the whole of the time of the Street Commissioner, not only during Office hours, but all hours from morning till evening, and in addition to which his attendance is generally required with Committees in their investigations and sittings in the evenings Your Committee take pleasure in declaring that these Officers are zealous and unremitting in their efforts to perform the duties appertaining to their Offices and that the Compensation allowed by Law is not proportionate to

the duties performed they therefore [132] recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that from and after the first day of May 1826 the Salary of the Street Commissioner shall be at the rate of 2000 Dollars per Annum

Resolved that from and after the first day of May 1826 the Salary of the Deputy Street Commissioner shall be at the rate of 1500 Dollars per annum

All of which is respectfully submitted

New York May 26. 1826

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to consider and Report if any and what addition should be made to the Salary of the Clerk of the Sessions

The Report of the Committee on Gas light was called up and after some discussion the further consideration was postponed—And it was made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board

The Report of the Street Committee relative to the opening of Garden street was called [133] up and after some discussion was read in the words following

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry persons to widen Garden street between William and Broad streets and the remonstrance of sundry persons against the same, having had the subject under their deliberate consideration, submit the following Report

That the late disastrous fire having destroyed the principal buildings on that Street the expence for widening is much lessened—it is evident that a Street of greater width is much required in that section of the City it being at present but Twenty four feet at William street—your Committee are of the opinion that the owners of property on that Street and its vicinity would be much benefitted and their interests materially promoted by widening and improving Garden

street between William Street and Broad streets and notwithstanding the respectable remonstrance against it Yet as a Majority of the owners of property thereon are in favor of the proposed improvement your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that Garden Street be widened from William Street to Broad street as shown on a Map herewith presented

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having [134] the subject of the foregoing Resolution carried into Effect

Jacob B Taylor
William P Rathbone
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
C P White

The Remonstrance was also read, the Question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee a Division was called and the members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald White Agnew Coe Randolph Taylor Ostrander Mr Bolton Van Wyck Hitchcock Lozier Coe Peters Pittman 14

Negative Ald Cebra Gilford Lamb Davis Mr Mott Arcularius Engs Valentine 8

It was carried in the Affirmative—Mr Engs then gave notice of Reconsideration at the next meeting of the Board

[135] Alderman Lamb then called up the Law for the Inspection of Fire wood which was passed under the Title of "A Law to amend a Law entitled "A Law to regulate the sale and Inspection of Fire wood

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Finance Committee with powers—Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to issue a Warrant to the Commissioners of the School fund for a sum equal to the Amount received by them from the State in conformity with Law.

It was Resolved that the Committee on Assessments on that part of the Petition of James K Hamilton and others praying that Broad Street as paved might be accepted as a Public street be discharged from a further consideration thereof and it was referred to the Street Committee

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Account 29 June		4085.29
Recd for streets		9943.20
"	Auction Sales	7500.
"	Tax of 1825	4200.
"	Rents	3338.08
"	Justices Courts	1008.55
"	Wells & Pumps	354.
"	Docks & Slips	264.35
"	Mayoralty Fees	222.50
[136]"	Fines of Sheriff	26.
"	Commutation Alien Passengers	24.
		$30.965.97

51 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1 Dist	1233.75
Hibbard & Clark " 2 "	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly " 3 "	768.25
P Hone Mayor Salary 6 Months 16 Inst	1500.
R Graves Street Comr 1 Qur—1 Inst	400.
Geo: B Smith Asst Street Comr 1 Qur 15 Inst	337.50
C Myers Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo 1 Inst	67.50
A B Martling Keeper City Hall to buy Fuel	200.
J Lounsbury Carpet &c for City Hall	62.44
R Riker Recorder Salary—1 Qutr 1 Inst	375.
J. C Woodruff Keeper Penetentiary & Asst 1 Qutr 1 Inst	587.50
L Baum Clk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Inst	74.17
J. Bremner do Cath " "	60.
J. Gilbert do 3 Markets " "	53.
P. Ammerman do do " "	48.50
J Colvill Coroner on Acts Fees 1 Qur "	500.
A Leggett work Mud scow to 16 Inst	291.57
N York Statesman Subscripton 6 Mo 1 Inst	50.
National Advocate do 6 Mo 15 June	50.
J Mitchell & Co 9 Casks Oil	679.68
Wm Brown 23 Casks Oil	658.24
J Dunn & Sons repairing Lamps 1 Qur 1 Inst	436.90
R Ferguson Act reg Houston St from Elizabeth to Crossby St	800.
T Cumming pav Christopher St from Washington to Greenwich Street at Market Place	786.25
[137] S Fargay act repav Rose street from Duane to Frankfort St	200.
Thos C Taylor & Associates Commrs Fees &c opening 32d Street from 10th Avenue to Hudson river	162.
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees & Court charges do do do	107.40
H. Smith bal repav Pike St frm Division to Water streets	124.34

C Mooney bal pav side Walks Chrystie b Broome & Delancy St^{t}	30.82	
E Doughty Surveys &c to 1 Inst^{t}	528.83	
R Ludlum do "	266.70	
T Ludlum do "	108.32	
D Ewen do "	68.40	
E W Bridges do "	57.93	
R Pettigrew for Well Chrystie St^{t} near Delancy Street	155.	
R Pettigrew " Well in Allen St^{t} at Stanton St^{t}	137.	
G Charlton bal Well Charles near Assylum St^{t}	56.	
R Pettigrew bal Well Bank near Hudson St^{t}	53.46	
R Pettigrew bal Well Charles near Factory St^{t}	44.	
J Gallagher Sen^{r} bal Well Amos near Factory St^{t}	43.26	
G Lovett bal building Bulkhead Walnut St^{t} Slip	450.58	
R Graves St^{t} Com^{r} Act^{t} Repairs Battery	250.	
J P Roome Super Repairs for repairs	1200.	
J P Roome " Fire dep^{t}	1025.	
J. P Roome " Alms House dep^{t}	300.	
J. P Roome " Pump dep^{t}	250.	
J. P. Roome " Watch Dep^{t}	248.	
Ald^{m} Taylor on Act^{t} expences 4 July	2000.	
Ald^{d} White on Act^{t} Obsequies of J Adams & T Jefferson	300.	
A Burtis Super Alms House for working Convicts	1000.	
A Burtis do Alms House	5000.	25.029.11
	Balance	$5936.86

Board Adjourned

[138] In Common Council July 31st 1826

Present The Honb^{l} Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Jun^{r}	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William P Rathbone	Ab^{m} M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Approved

An Invitation of the Trustees of Columbia College to the Corporation to attend their Commencement on Tuesday August 1st at 10 oClock and to dine at 4 O Clock was accepted

The Mayor laid before the Board Letters addressed to and replies received from the representatives of the late John Adams and Thomas Jefferson which were read and directed to be [139] entered on the Minutes and to be published in the News Papers

Letter from Philip Hone Mayor of New York to His Excellency John Q Adams

New York July 11th 1826

His Excellency John Q Adams

Sir—An extra meeting of the Common Council of this City was held on Saturday last for the purpose of adopting measures to express their exalted sense of the public services and private worth of our lately deceased fellow Citizens John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

At the request of the board I have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of the Resolutions which were adopted on that occasion, and to offer you and the other members of the Family of your revered Father, their condolence on the Loss you have sustained. I approach with reverence the sanctuary of your private grief—But the decease of your Illustrious parent, full of years, and "with all his countrys honors blest," on such a day and under such circumstances, forms so glorious a termination of his valuable life, as cannot fail to afford consolation to his family and personal friends.

At the moment when the people of the United States were employed in celebrating the Fiftieth anniversary of the great event which he contributed in an eminent degree to produce, and in invoking blessings on the heads of the three venerable survivors of the band of Patriots who signed its Declaration two of them were [140] removed from amongst us—This coincidence is so remarkable that we are led to attribute it to the special interferance of Divine Providence which was so frequently displayed in the events of our Revolution. It seems to affix the seal to the great work and encourages us to hope that we shall continue to be a favoured nation

I pray you Sir to receive the assurance of my profound respect and affectionate attachment

Philip Hone
Mayor of the City of New York

Answer

Quincy 15th July 1826

Philip Hone Esqr Mayor of the City of New York:

Sir

I received with deep sensibility the letter which you had the goodness personally to deliver to me on the 11th Inst together with a Copy of the Resolutions of the Common Council of your City, on the occasion of the remarkably coincident decease of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson: a coincidence rendered still more remarkable by its occurrence on the Fiftieth Anniversary of that day whence their country dates her existance, by an act to the accomplishment of which they had both so largely contributed

In the name and on behalf of the family of Mr Adams, I pray you sir, to accept yourself, and to tender to the Common Council of the City of New York, our grateful acknowledgements for the [141] sympathy which you have kindly felt with us in the peculiar bereavement which we have sustained—Among the many motives of consolation with which it has pleased an over ruling Providence in this instance to mingle the Cup of affliction which might not pass away, a voice of comfort to us and of affectionate reverence for the memory of the deceased from our fellow citizens of New York, soothes our present sorrow and will leave through life the sense of its kindness impressed upon our remembrance

Accept my friendly and respectful salutations

John Quincy Adams

Letter from Philip Hone Mayor to Thomas Mann Randolph Esqr

New York July 12th 1826

Thomas Mann Randolph Esqr

Sir

In behalf of the Common Council of this City I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of certain Resolutions adopted by them expressive of their profound respect for the memory of our lately deceased fellow Citizens, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams

I am aware that the family and personal friends of your illustrious relative have sustained in death, a loss, which those only who enjoyed his society, will know how to appreciate; but there are [142] happily circumstances connected with it, which cannot fail to afford you consolation—He was permitted to see the Fiftieth Anniversary of that

Philip Hone Esqr. Mayor of the City of New York

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Accept my friendly and respectful salutations.

John Quincy Adams

This letter, found among archives in the custody of the City Clerk, was the reply from President John Quincy Adams on receipt of resolutions of the Common Council (see pages 503-5). Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and John Adams, who advocated, helped to frame, voted for, and signed that famous document, lived to see the fiftieth anniversary of that great event. The deaths of these two men occurred on the same day and at almost the same hour of that very anniversary, July 4, 1826. This letter is recorded on page 526.—Ed.

glorious event in which he acted so prominent a part, and on the very day when the American People were engaged with enthusiastic feelings in repeating the sublime Declaration of Independance, and in invoking blessings on the head which conceived and the hand which penned it, its venerable author, and his patriotic coadjutor were removed from among a grateful people, rich in the enjoyment of all the blessings which their wisdom had predicted and their labours contributed to produce.

In a letter written by M^r^ Jefferson shortly before his decease, to the Committee of Arrangements for the 4^th^ of July (and which will be preserved as a precious relic) he expressed his thanks to Providence for the preservation of the lives of the three surviving signers of the Declaration "a favor (to use his own words) so much the more gratifying as it has enabled them by its blessed effects, to witness the wisdom of the choice then made, between submission and resistance." His pious wish was accomplished, he lived to see the return of that auspicious day; and full of years and rich in the enjoyment of a Nation's gratitude, he has descended to the tomb of his ancestors.

I pray you sir, to believe that as no portion of your Countrymen knew better than the Corporation and Citizens of New York, how to value the services of your deceased relative, so none can sympathize [143] more deeply in the grief which his loss has occasioned to his family.

I am Sir with respect your obedient servant

Philip Hone Mayor

Answer

Monticello July 23^d^ 1826

Sir

I received yesterday evening on the part of the family of Thomas Jefferson, deceased, the letter you did me the honor to address to me on the 12^th^ Ins^t^ communicating the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of New York at their meeting on the 8^th^ July 1826— With respect to the grateful feelings displayed by the Common Council towards the deceased, and their regret for the Loss sustained by the American people on the occasion, I trust I shall be pardoned for the liberty I take in saying, that they are expressed in language manifestly issuing directly from exalted sentiments, enlightened views of Republican policy, and refined benevolence—For the sympathy also expressed towards the large family which has to endure the misfortune of being for ever deprived of such a head, I have the honor to make the only

return in their power the tender to the Common Council of that sincere homage of respect and gratitude which we are all equally proud to feel and to acknowledge. We request you, Sir, to inform the Common Council that the affections of the heart, and the social qualities of the deceased were constantly ascending in their [144] scale to his last hour. Good as they had ever been throughout his life they had never attained their greatest height until there was nothing of life left for him. Their advancement during the latter period of his existance towards a perfection seemingly more than human, became a subject of admiration approaching to awe in some of those who witnessed the fact.

His qualifications for public service of various kinds, and his unlimited devotion to the public interests are fixed for ever in all memories: indeed they are the rational grounds of that gratitude so honorably and feelingly expressed by his fellow citizens of the Common Council of New York and others. But the intense and persevering zeal with which he exerted all the strength of his capacious and well stored, his luminous and powerful mind, upon the subject of the scientific literary and professional education of youth, for the last eight years of his life although known by the visible effects of his industry and taste, employed for the technical advancement of that end, cannot be fully appreciated until the characters formed upon his plans shall have appeared in the great theatre of human affairs. Then will come out a magnificent appendix to his present renown: a vast posthumous accession to that well deserved fame of which he died in possession— That another brilliant Halo of Glory will then be seen to encircle the images of him upon earth, which shall be produced by individual genius and public bounty needs no prophetic tongue to [145] announce—I cannot refrain from congratulating the Common Council on their being the first to call the attention of the instructors of the people in religion, to the miraculous Euthanasia of those two venerable Patriots —Few of the miracles recorded in the sacred writings are more conspicuous. It seems like the first reward for that moral excellence which has been proclaimed by all the world; to which their intellectual powers and eventful lives had made them known half a century ago, and thence-forward to this day—I hope for indulgence when I take the liberty further to say, that in the case of Thomas Jefferson, there was an extraordinary felicity even of physical existence manifested in his last moments which unless now mentioned may fall into oblivion. At 8 P M on the 3^{d} July his medical friend, of whose eminence it would be superfluous to speak, but he had never seen him until one year ago,

pronounced that he might be expected to cease to live, every quarter of an hour from that time Yet he lived seventeen hours longer without any evident pain, or suffering, or restlessness; with sensibility, and consciousness, and intelligence, for much more than twelve hours of the time. His lungs were remarkably capacious, even for his *statute* [stature], and they remained, as also the trachea, unobstructed to the last

The play of his organic system had continued so long, and had always been so moderate and equable, and the equilibrium between the subordinate and minor associated systems, had [146] ever been so perfect and constant that no abrupt change could take place without violence—Moreover the constant regularity of a life so long protracted, and so uninterruptedly enjoyed in health and peace of mind; had in a manner embalmed his material substance while yet animate, so as to render it insusceptible of sudden decay—In consequence he died neither of suffocation nor gangrene but gradually subsided into inanimation like a lamp which has shone throughout a long and dark night spreading far its benificent rays and had continued to burn long enough to usher in broad day light upon mankind—His desire to live and see the midday of the fourth of July, was wonderfully fulfilled contrary to the expectation of almost all around him—Surely therein he obtained a most appropriate reward for that patience and fortitude and temperance he had continued incessantly to exercise throughout so long a period of such active existence—That the members of the Common Council of New York and all those who have manifested their friendship towards him in that City may enjoy an equal felicity in life and in death is the constant prayer of his descendants and relatives, who have been honored with the communication, to which this is a reply but feebly expressing the sentiments of respect and gratitude they most sincerely feel—With all respect and esteem I am sir, your most obedient and humble Servant

Thos M Randolph Senr

Hon Philip Hone Mayor of New York

[147] The Mayor laid before the Board the following communications in relation to the arest by the Public authority of New Jersey of Joshua Mersereau the Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County who had served process upon a Captain Currie of the Brig Irene who had brought Alien Passengers without having reported them or bonded for them

The Attorney of the Board respectfully reports in the case stated above

That the British Brig Irene commanded by William Curran set sail from Ireland with one hundred and nineteen passengers bound for the City of New York—That at the time the vessel was getting under way instructions were privately given to the Captain to take the Vessel to Amboy instead of New York in order to evade giving bond for said Passengers as required by our Statute That on or about the first day of July last the said Vessel arrived at Amboy and the Passengers discovering that they had been deceived refused to leave the Brig and insisted upon being taken to the City of New York according to the contract made with the owners—That the Captain upon this employed one or more coasting Vessels and landed the whole of said passengers at or near the State Prison in this City—That his Honor the Mayor upon being informed of this infraction of the Law directed the undersigned to commence a Suit against the said William Currin —That several days elapsed in the hope of being able to find the said William Currin in the City of New York but being aware that he had committed a Violation of our Law [148] he cautiously avoided being known or discovered: upon consultation with the Mayor and Recorder as to the necessity of having this man arrested it was concluded upon as the Vessel lay within the Waters claimed by this State to have him arrested on Board his Vessel, That a Writ was accordingly issued out of the Supreme Court directed to the Sheriff of the County of Richmond and put into the hands of Joshua Messereau Deputy Sheriff of that County together with an indemnification from his Honor the Mayor that the said Deputy Sheriff went on board of said Vessel in company with Mr Schureman of this City and arrested the said William Currin who upon being taken requested to be brought to this City where he was lodged in Jail

There being no consignee or party having any interest in said Vessel or that could be made liable for this breach of the Law excepting the Captain, and anticipating difficulty with the State of New Jersey in case an attachment should be issued against the Vessel and the Captain having no persons that he could procure as Boondsmen for the Passengers and apparently destitute of Money to enable him to commute the penalties after being in Jail for three days it was recommended by his Honor the Mayor and the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Alms House to discharge him from custody upon his entering into a Covenant to bring his Vessel to the City of New York as soon as it was possible for him so to do. to be disposed of according to

Law, which covenant was accordingly executed by the said [149] William Currin and he discharged from imprisonment that the said William Currin has not as yet brought his said Vessel to the City she being at present under seizure by authority of the Government of the United States for importing a greater number of Passengers than her tonnage allowed

The Attorney also further reports that the Deputy Sheriff Joshua Messerau who served this writ a day or two afterwards was forcibly taken into custody by the Mayor of Amboy and Committed to Prison for having done this necessary Act of duty notwithstanding unexceptionable bail for his appearance was offered and he is given to understand that it is the intention of the Authorities of New Jersey to try the said Joshua Messereau under an Act of that State for having served process from the State of New York at a place which they claim as being within the Jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey

All which is respectfully submitted

T Phœnix

The following is the Communication from the Mayor

The Mayor has the honor to lay before the Board a statement of the circumstances attending the arrest in the State of New Jersey of Joshua Messereau deputy Sherriff of Richmond County who was employed to serve process on Cap^{t} Currin of the Brig Irene for a breach of the Laws of the State of New York relating to the landing of Alien Passengers—This statement has been prepared by the Attorney of the Board under [150] whose direction the process was served

A Report of the Gentlemen who was employed to obtain Bail and effect the liberation of M^{r} Mersereau is also presented together with copies of two letters addressed by the Mayor to his Excllency the Governor on this subject

The case which is now submitted is one of great importance to the City—The offence which was committed is of a nature to render ineffectual the Laws of the State, and as no disrespect was intended to the Authorities of New Jersey, there was reason to hope that they would have been disposed to aid rather than to impede the measures which were taken to enforce them.

The Question of Jurisdiction has however been raised, and it remains with the Board to sanction the proceedings of their Officers, if in their opinion they shall be found correct, and to adopt such other measures as they may deem expedient

respectfully submitted

Philip Hone

Letter from John Leveridge Esqr to the Mayor respecting Messereau

New York July 26, 1826

Honbl Philip Hone
Mayor of the City of New York
Sir

agreeably to your request I went to New Brunswick N Jersey, relative to the [151] business of Joshua Messereau, Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County, who was confined in prison there, for serving as is alledged, process from this State within the jurisdiction of that —I found that Mr Messereau although a prisoner, was permitted to eat with the Goaler, and that he had the liberty of the yard attached to the Prison—The Chief Justice of New Jersey having granted a Habeas Corpus, Mr Mersereau was carried to Trenton, and ordered to give Bail in the sum of $6000 viz himself in $2000 & two sureties in that sum each In an interview I had with Joseph W Scott Esqr the District Attorney relative to the bussiness, he stated that the object was not to punish Messereau but to have the long contested Question of jurisdiction tried, and, that this was deemed a favorable opportunity to test same; In the course of the conversation he stated, that from his knowledge of the bussiness, the feelings entertained by the Executive of that State, and the desire to have the question disposed of, he had no doubt but that it could be amicably settled between the two States, and if a disposition to that effect was manifested on the part of this State, he would in regard to the proceedings against Mr Messereau, render every facility consistent with his duty in his Official Capacity, He suggested the propriety of submitting the question to the Supreme Court of the United States, or that Commissioners be appointed on the part of the two States, I informed him, that I was not authorized to enter into *into* an agreement, but on my return I would report the conversation to your Honor, and [152] had no doubt one of the two courses would be adopted, and upon your Honor representing the Case to the Governor, measures would be taken (as I believed) to effect the object—From what I could learn this was likewise the opinion and desire of the Chief Justice—I arranged with Mr Scott, that for the purpose of giving time to ascertain, whether an amicable arrangement could be made, Mr Mesereau be recognized to appear at the next Oyer and Terminer, to be held on the third Tuesday in December next, which was done, and likewise if it appeared that either of the two courses above mentioned, were likely to be adopted,

that the affair of Mr Mersereau be continued over, until after the next session of the Legislatures of the respective States—This arrangement to gain the requisite time, I presumed would meet your wishes Mr Scott stated that he had no doubt the Governor of N Jersey would, upon an arrangement taking place to try the question, direct that a Nolle Prosequi be entered on the proceedings against Mesereau—At Perth Amboy & New Brunswick great excitement prevails, & Captain Curran has been induced to Commence a suit against Messereau, for False imprisonment laying his damages at $5000—Much difficulty was experienced in procuring Bail on the Habeas Corpus, owing to the feeling entertained, but after several unsuccessful applications, a gentleman at New Brunswick was prevailed on, to go to Trenton for that purpose, and George Wood Esqr of New Brunswick who was employed for Mersereau, gave a Letter to a Gentleman [153] residing in Trenton, who consented—On inspecting the writ issued at the instance of Capt Curran it was discovered, that an error had been made, and no order of a Judge procured to hold to Bail, notwithstanding the Sheriff was unwilling, (& properly too as I conceive) to let Mr Mesereau go without bail—This I apprehended would give trouble, inasmuch as the guarantee of your Honor applied only to the Criminal proceeding—I however made an arrangement with Mr Wood & he became responsible to the Sheriff that if it became necessary to put in Special bail, it should be done at the return of the writ, which will be the 3d Tuesday in September next, I retained Mr Wood to defend this suit, he having been employed in the Criminal proceeding—I am of opinion that it will not be prudent for Mr Messereau to appear and stand trial I believe from the feeling manifested, he would be convicted—Mr Wood has paid every attention to the bussiness & I feel grateful to Mr Scott, who accompanied me to Trenton for the purpose of expediting the bussiness, Also to Mr Snowhill the Sheriff who treated Mr Messereau with every respect—Mr Hale of Richmond County has been indefatigable in his exertions to procure the release of Mr Mesereau—The names of the security are, Smith Freeman of New Brunswick & Joseph M Bispham of Trenton, to whom I gave the indemnity of your Honor I have thus endeavoured to give you a brief detail of what passed under my observation and

Remain your Obt Servant

John Leveridge

[154] from the Mayor to the Governor

New York July 18, 1826

Dear Sir

an affair has taken place in the discharge of my official duties, which as it is likely to lead to important consequences I think proper to relate to you, for the double object of requesting your friendly advice to direct me in my movements and to enlist the Authorities of the State in support of their Laws

The Brig Irene Captain Curry a British Vessel owned at New Castle on Tyne, sailed from Cork with a number of Irish passengers, who were shipped to be landed in New York, for which Port the Vessel cleared—The Captain was taken on board the day before she sailed ignorant of his destination, with sealed orders, which on opening at Sea, he found directed him to proceed to Amboy New Jersey, there to enter his Vessel and land his passengers, in order to avoid the necessity of giving Bonds for them in New York—The Vessel arrived at Amboy and entered but the Passengers refused to go on Shore alledging that the contract with the owners in Cork obliged them to take them to New York The Captain then lying in the Stream between Amboy and Staten Island, employed a small Sloop of about Ten tons, who took about fifty of them from along side the Vessel at night landed them at 9 OClock on a Sunday morning on the State Prison Dock, and immediately made his escape

Complaint was made to me I examined several of the most intelligent of the Passengers [155] from whom, and from the Mate, I obtained all the above particulars. The Captain had applied to Abraham Bell and Company of this City to receive the Consignment of the Vessel who refused, and not being able to find the Captain in the City fully aware of the obligation I was under to punish so flagrant a violation of our Laws—I consulted with the Recorder who advised me to issue process against him where his Vessel laid, as we conceive it within the jurisdiction of our State, the process was served by Mr Mersereau deputy Sheriff of Richmond County, the Captain surrendered himself voluntarily, was brought up to the City and lodged in our Jail, in the course of two or three days a satisfactory arrangement was made with him and he was discharged, Subsequently to this the Sheriff of Richmond went to Amboy on other bussiness, and was arrested for an alledged violation of the jurisdiction of New Jersey and confined in Jail at Brunswick

This affair has excited great Interest in New Jersey, and it appears that our kind neighbours have become much exasperated at a measure which was not intended to be inimical to them, but in which I did suppose they would have aided, rather than impeded us, As yet he continues in Prison although I have agreed to indemnify respectable persons in that State, who have offered to be his bail, and am determined let the consequences be what they may that this poor man shall not suffer for our acts—I have sent to Brunswick and Trenton to have him [156] brought by Habeas Corpus before a Judge of their Supreme Court, and have been compelled to authorize the giving Bail of $10.000 which exorbitant sum I understand will be demanded—I have seen Mr Talcott the Attorney General who declines acting in behalf of the State until he shall receive your instructions

This will be a fair opportunity to settle the question of jurisdiction, but it is much to be Lamented, that a more amicable mode, had not been adopted. The Laws of New Jersey subject the offender to the penalty of $2000 and imprisonment for Seven Years, and from the temper exhibited on this occasion it is impossible to say at what point they will stop

I solicit Sir your advice and interference in this matter I have acted with the advice of the first Law Officer of our City, and if my course cannot be sustained, the Laws of the State relating to Alien Passengers must be nugatory, and our City be subjected to the support of all the Foreign poor which may be sent to our Shores—I am aware that this question of Jurisdiction has on former occasions occupied your serious attention, and you may perhaps consider it expedient to propose some course to the Authorities of New Jersey, which may settle it without jeopardizing the liberty of an innocent person who had a right to consider himself as acting under the Authority of the Law

For my own security also something [157] must be done, for the Sheriff acted under my indemnification and this very circumstance may stimulate them to proceed to extremities with him

I am dear sir
with great respect
Your most Obt Servt

His Excellency Dewitt Clinton

Philip Hone

Letter from the Mayor to the Governor

New York July 29. 1826

Dear Sir

I had the honor on the 13th Inst of addressing a Letter to you on the subject of a Controversy in which I have unexpectedly been drawn with the Authorities of the State of New Jersey

I now enclose a *Copy of the Report of the Gentleman who was sent to effect the liberation of Mr Mersereau the Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County by which you will observe that he has been held to bail in a Large amount for his appearance to answer the charge made against him. But the verbal communications which Mr Leveridge has had with the District Attorney seem to Warrant a belief that the proceedings against the Sheriff will be discontinued if measures are taken on the part of our State to settle the question which they have thought proper to raise

I fear your abscence from Home, may have prevented the receipt of my former Letter, but trust you will as soon as your leisure permits give this u[n]pleasant subject your Attention

[158] Our City continues unusually healthy and the fine weather which we have had for some time past encourages me to hope that it will continue so. If all things go on well I think I shall play truant for a few days and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in a week or Ten days I am Sir

with Respect

Your Obt Servt

His Excellency Dewitt Clinton Philip Hone

Whereupon the same were referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of William Hammilton to have Hogs restored was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William Dunlap for a Room in which to finish a Painting he is now executing was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences

A Petition of Marinus Willett that he may be exempted from payment of a Quit rent for three years to come on his Water Grant agreeably to the terms of the first Grant to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Morris Oakley Collector of Taxes 7th Ward asking a

* Marginal note reads *See page 151.*—Ed.

reference &c: on the rate of [159] compensation allowed for the year 1825-26 was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Thomas Tripler to be appointed Auctioneer of the Board was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of King & Mead and others to have the improvements in Exchange and Garden Streets discontinued was read and laid on the Table

A simular Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others was read and also laid on the Table

A Communication from Perkins Nicholls to purchase from the Corporation the Crane at Castle Garden was read and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places

A Memorial of John Ireland and others praying that Cornelia Street be opened from Greenwich Lane to the North River according to the orders of the 12th January 1818 was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Thomas Lawrence and others to have Amity street paved from Wooster to Sullivan street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Daniel Clark and others to have West Street from Dey to Cedar street paved [160] was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial of John McComb respecting a Bulkhead at Duane Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Remonstrance of John Alstyne and sundry other persons against raising Maiden Lane was read and referred to Committee on Streets and on Canals

A Petition of David D Crane & others to have Charles street paved from Washington to Greenwich street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Jacob Astor and others for Regulating La Fayette Place was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Memorial from John White was received stating that on the night of at the La Fayette Circus a Violent Assault was committed by one Hughes upon a female that Petitioner interfered and took the said Hughes to the Watch House and delivered him to Andrew Bleakly Captain of the Watch that said Blakely behaved to Petitioner with great violence and abuse and instead of taking charge of the Offender released him and confined Petitioner in the Cage of the Watch House during the night which conduct of the Captain was illegal [161] and unjust and Petitioner prays said Blakely may be removed from his

Office of Captain of the City Watch—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas Jeroleman to be appointed an Inspector of Wood in the 8th District was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Capt John R Soper to remit him a part of the wharfage due to the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Abraham P Mabie and others to have Varick Street extended to Bedford street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Boyd for the appointment of Measurer and Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Horace Waldo and Joseph Ripley for Damages awarded by Commissioners for opening 32d street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[162] A Petition of the Trustees of the Bethel Baptist Church to be relieved from the payment of Assessment for Canal Street Sewer was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition for a Well and Pump in King street between McDougal and Varick Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Mordecai Myers to be appointed Auctioneer to the Board was read and laid on the Table

A simular Petition of Messrs McLaughlin & Bleakly was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of sundry persons that Hackney Coaches kept at Stables may not be compelled to be numbered was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John Varick and Ephraim B Bolander for leave to exchange their Stalls in Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Amos Wood to have a fine remitted for having a Nuisance before his Door &c was read and referred to the Police Committee

[163] A Petition of Aaron Seargent to be appointed Auctioneer to the Common Council was read and laid on the Table

A Memorial was presented from Daniel Boardman and other owners of Lots on Broad Way stating that as the said street is now repaving they pray that the present form of the Carriage way may

be changed and the descent from the centre made less and that the side walks may be enlarged to Twenty four feet—After some discussion Mr Van Wyck presented an Ordinance for the repaving of Broad Way which was passed on filling up the blank for the width of the Side Walks—Motions were successively made for filling up the blank with 24. 23. 22. 21 & 20 feet which was lost, and the blank was filled up with the words Nineteen feet and the Law was passed under the Title of "a Law for regulating the repavement of Broadway" the Memorial was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel Millbank and Charles Wall for relief from Assessment on opening Bancker street which was presented on the 21st November 1825 and referred to the Street Committee was now referred to the Committee on Assessments and the Street Committee discharged therefrom

A Petition of David Wagstaff and [164] others to have 86th Street opened presented on the 13th March last and referred to the Street Committee was now referred to the Road Committee and the Street Committee discharged therefrom

A Petition of Gideon Harden Master of Schooner Loire to be relieved from expences incurred at the Alms House for the maintenance of two children brought by him in said Vessel from Halifax was read and referred to the Committee on Charity

A Petition of Abraham Leggett Superintendant of Mud Machine for an increase of Salary was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of Ebenezer Briggs to be appointed to the Office of Weigher of Pressed Hay was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Scribner and Hitchcock to be permitted to construct a Drain from the Grain Distillery in Stanton Street to the East River was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward

A Petition of Samuel St John and others Owners of Lots in Maiden Lane praying that the subject of raising Maiden [Lane] and altering the [165] Sewer may be referred to a Committee before any measures are taken respecting the same was read and referred to the Street and Canal Committee

A Remonstrance by Abm Russel and others against the regulation of carrying the Water over the Street in Maiden Lane as proposed was read and referred to the Street and Canal Committee

A Petition of Cornelius Chivis for Stall No 7 Greenwich Market was presented and referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported thereon as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Cornelius Chivis for a Butchers Licence, and permission to occupy Stall N° 7 Greenwich Market Respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Cornelius Chivis receive a Butchers Licence with permission to occupy Stall N° 7 Greenwich Market upon condition that the rents thereof are paid Quarterly in advance

M^th^ Reed
Jn^o^ Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[166] A Petition of Abraham Schermerhorn for permission to erect an Iron railing fronting his house in Market field Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1^st^ Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Langdon to have his Commission as a Measurer of Coal and Salt renewed was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump corner of 6^th^ Avenue and 5^th^ Street presented the following Report in favor thereof

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Thomas Cummings and others for a Well and Pump in Fifth Street near the 6^th^ Avenue—Report that they see no objections to granting the request of the Petitioners and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted

[167] The Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner on the Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Greenwich street & Amos street reported in favor as follows

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Amos street near Greenwich street report that in their opinion the

request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Deed of Cession for part of Henry Street from Henry Rutgers with the Report of the Counsel accompanying the same presented the following Report—The communication of the Counsel was as follows

The Counsel herewith submits a Deed of cession from Col Rutgers to the Corporation, of the part of his Lot on the Southerly side of Henry street to the East of Oliver street, necessary to widen Henry Street on the same line as it is now [168] widened to the East of Catherine Street—in order that it may be referred to some proper Committee to determine upon the propriety of accepting the Cession

Respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

The Report of the Street Committee was as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Deed of Cession from Henry Rutgers for a part of Henry Street with an accompanying communication from the Counsel to this Board—Report that in their opinion the aforesaid Cession ought to be accepted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Deed of Cession from Henry Rutgers be accepted and filed

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
Gideon Ostrander
Signed William S Coe

Whereupon the same was approved and the Deed directed to be recorded

The Street Committee on the Petition for laying the side Walks in Hudson street & from Charlton to Christopher Street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for having the Side [169] Walks of Hudson street paved from Charl-

ton to Christopher Street report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee on the Petition to regulate and pave the side walks in Van Dam street between McDougal and Varick streets reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for having the side walks of Vandam Street paved from McDougal street to Varick street report, that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[170] The Street Committee to whom was referred back their report on the Petition for opening 10th Street between Broadway and the 6th Avenue reported as follows

The Street Committee on the subject of Opening Tenth Street between Broadway and the 6th Avenue and which was referred back to reconsider, their former report thereon having duly reviewed the subject they have not been able to discover any good reasons why their former report and resolutions should not be adopted—and accordingly they recommend their adoption in order that they be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

The former report of the Committee was as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Gifford and others for opening Tenth street between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue Report—that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that Tenth street ought to be opened and regulated inasmuch as that the waters from the Fifth Avenue are carried off through 10th Street to the 6th Avenue and Minetto Sewer—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

[171] Resolved that Tenth street be opened from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Whereupon the said Report was approved the Resolutions adopted and the Counsel directed to take the necessary measures thereon

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening 14th Street from the Bowery to the East River reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition, for, and the remonstrance against the opening of 14th street from the East to the Hudson River—Report, that they have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the opening of that Street from the East River to the Bowery is required by nearly all the owners of the grounds to be taken for the Street—And that the Owners of the grounds between the Bowery and the Hudson river are opposed to the opening —Your Committee would therefore recommend that so much of 14th Street as lies between the East River and the Bowery be opened, and accordingly submit the following Resolutions

[172] Resolved that Fourteenth Street be opened from the Bowery to the East River

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the usual measures for having the foregoing resolution carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Counsel directed to take the necessary measures thereon

The Street Committee on the Petition for widening Bancker Street between Pearl and Oliver street reported in favor as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for opening Bancker street between Pearl street and Oliver street Report that they have duly considered the subject referred to them that they have caused notice to be given to the proprietors interested, and have received objections from two persons Only

Your Committee are of the opinion that the widening of Bancker street as prayed for is required, both as it respects the public convenience and individual benefit and as the buildings and improvements to be taken are in the aggregate of but little value your Committee recommend that the [173] request of the petitioners be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Banker street be widened between Pearl street and Oliver street as shewn on a Map herewith shewn

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to have the foregoing resolution carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Wm P Rathbone
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Counsel directed to take the necessary measures thereon.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Jeremiah W Vanderbilt for Stall No 4 Franklin Market reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah W Van Derbilt for a Butchers Licence and permission to occupy Stall No 4 Franklin Market respectfully report that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and offer the following Resolution— Resolved that Jeremiah W Van Derbilt receive a Butchers Licence with permission to occupy Stall No 4 Franklin Market lately occupied by J Ridabock

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph
Signd John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[174] The Market Committee on the petition of Edward Cumming or a Butchers Licence reported against the same as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of dward Cumming for a Butchers Licence with permission to occupy tall N° 31 Catherine Market as now held by William M°Cready espectfully Report that upon enquiry and the petitioners own cknowledgment he is an Alien and by reason thereof and according to aw not entitled to a Licence, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that for the reason above set forth the prayer of the petiioner ought not to be granted and that he have leave to withdraw his etition

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee on the Petition for a new Market at Gouverneur street reported in favor as follows

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition f the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Gouverneur street for a New farket Report that they have examined the Market now standing at Gouverneur Slip and find the same in [175] a very decayed state and otally unfit for use, that in consequence of the rapid improvement in hat part of the City a new Market is very much wanted at that place— And that the probable expence of erecting the same will be about Five undred dollars, they therefore beg leave to offer the following Resoluion for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that the superintendant of Repairs cause a Market to be uilt at Gouverneur Slip under the direction of the Market Committee

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the a Fayette Committee presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the accounts and ouchers of the La Fayette Committee respectfully Report

That your Committee have examined the accounts and vouchers [and] find the several sums voted by the Board, have been judiciously and faithfully applied in honor of the Guest of our City; and the necessary vouchers are produced for the same, Your Committee therefore submit for the Common Council the following Resolution

[176] Resolved that the accounts and vouchers of the La Fayette Committee be approved and filed and that the said Committee be discharged

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Signed M^th^ Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition respecting the weighing of Hay in Bundles presented the following Report accompanied by a Law.

The Police Committee to whom was referred several petitions in relation to the weighing and Inspection of Hay respectfully Report That they have enquired into the subject and are of opinion that no good reason exists for altering the present Law in relation to the Inspection of Hay: with respect to Hay brought in bales or bundles your Committee are of opinion that it ought to be sold by weight, and that it ought to be weighed at the time of Sale. The Committee having ascertained that the purchasers of Hay have been imposed upon by the weight marked on the bundles—Your Committee have therefore prepared an Ordinance which the[y] submit to the consideration of the Board

Jno Yates Cebra
P. C Van Wyck
Signed E Shieffelin

[177] Whereupon the report was accepted and the Law was passed under the title of "A Law in relation to Weighing Hay in Bundles."

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a New South Ferry to Long Island presented a Report which was referred to the Law Committee and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

The Attorney presented the following Report on Captains who had neglected to report Passengers

The Attorney of the Board respectfully Reports—That Captain Smith of the Schooner Maine Captain Rice of the Ship Diana and

Captain Wheeler of the Sloop Rapid were severally prosecuted for not reporting their passengers, since which they have severally made report given the bond required by Law and paid the Costs

The remission of the penalties in each of the above cases is respectfully recommended

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Whereupon the penalties were remitted agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney

The Committee on Charity to whom was referred the Resolution for remitting the Assessment on the African Free School in Mulberry Street reported in favor as follows

[178] The Resolution referred to was as follows

Resolved that the Assessment imposed on the African Free School in Mulberry street for the Canal in Canal street amounting to between $18 & 19 be remitted and that the Clerk of the Common Council notify the Collector of the remission

The Committee on Charity report that they have heretofore had the circumstances of the case alluded to in the annexed resolution under investigation they therefore recommend that the above recited resolution be accepted by the Board

E Schieffelin
Ab^{m} M Valentine
Sam^{el} Gilford Jun^{r}

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller presented the following Report on the accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs

The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully report that they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendant of Repairs from 1 January to 19 July 1826

Balance due the Corporation 31 Dec^{r} 1825	164.39
Amount of Warrants to Superintendant	18.023.
Sundry Articles sold	815.32
[179] He has paid agreeably to vouchers examined by the Committee of Repairs	18.603.41
Balance due the Corporation 19 July 1826	$399.30

Gideon Ostrander
Lemuel Pittman
Jameson Cox
G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which was directed to be filed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith encloses returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments as follows Viz^{t}

For opening Sixth street from Broadway to the 6th Avenue

For opening 13th Street and 8th Avenue at Greenwich Lane

For Regulating Houstoun Street from Elizabeth Street to Crosby street

And For a Well and Pump in Amos street near Factory Street, in order that Warrants may issue to Morris DeCamp the collector thereof

Respectfully submitted

R Graves S^{t} Com^{r}

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris D Camp to Collect the same

[180] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed therein Viz^{t}

For Regulating and paving a part of Walnut Street and Abraham Dally Cornelius M^{c}Lean and Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Van Dam street from M^{c}Dougal street to Varick street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy and Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Hudson street from Charlton to Christopher street and Samuel S^{t} John Robert Wardell and Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in 5th Street near the 6th Avenue and William Torrey Alexander Coffin Jun^{r} and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

Also For a Well and Pump in Amos street near Greenwich street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn and John M^{c}Kesson were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed and Collectors appointed thereon Viz^{t}

[181] For Regulating and Paving Christopher Street from Washington to Hudson street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Division street near Attorney street which was referred back to the Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Barrow street near Greenwich street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

For *for* regulating and paving Cornelia Street from Herring Street o Ludlows line and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

For Regulating and Paving Gouverneur Street from Division to Cherry street and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For Regulating and Paving Lombardy street from Clinton to Grand street and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For building a Sewer in Broad street and Morris D Camp was ppointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a Draught of Contracts etween the Mayor Alderman & Commonalty and Gideon Tucker for he Mason work [182] and Benjamin Birdsall for the Iron railing or ence at the Battery [which] were directed to be executed in the recess f the Board

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company

N° 4

Cornelius M Ederson Carpenter 93 Elm street
V^c William Low Resigned
William Crigier—Tin worker 45 Walker S^t
V^c Hiram Pierson do

N° 22

Joshua Corwin—Ship wright Cherry street
V. Andrew Tuley—Resigned

N° 26

John Murphy—Brewer 47 Rutgers S^t
V^c Ebenezer Morgan Resigned

N° 44

William Smith—Teamster Stanton & Lewis S^t
V^c David Brown—Resigned
William C Bostwick Account Hester Cor Forsyth S^t
V^c John Coleman Resigned

The Counsel presented for execution a Water Grant to Cornelius M^cCoy for land under water on Harlaem River

The Counsel of the Board respectfully submits for execution a Water Grant to Cornelius M^cCoy for land between High and Low water on [183] Harlaem River adjoining M^cCombs Bridge which has

been prepared agreeably to the resolution of the Board heretofore passed respecting the same

Respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

Which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel agreeably to a Resolution presented the draft of a Law to prohibit the use of Fire Arms by persons hunting on the Island of New York which were read and laid for consideration

The Counsel presented the following Resolutions on the contemplated opening of Garden street which were adopted

The Counsel herewith encloses the usual formal Resolutions in relation to the Contemplated opening of Garden street in order that the same may be passed

respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

I Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to widen Garden street on the Southerly side thereof between Broad street and William street in the First ward of the City of New York on the lines laid down in a Map entitled "Map shewing the property required for "widening Garden street on the Southerly side thereof between Broad "street and William street in the first ward of the City of New York" dated July 22. 1826 (the same being a street in that part of the said City not laid out [184] into Streets and Avenues, Squares and Public Places by the Commissioner of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to "improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the "City of New York and for other purposes" passed 3d April 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done; and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect

II Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to execute the Petition to the Supreme Court in the premises during the recess of the Board

The City Inspector presented the following report respecting a Lot corner of Catherine and Bancker streets

The City Inspector reports to the Board that a fire in April last consumed a dwelling House at the corner of Catherine and Bancker streets which has exposed to view a dangerous Nuisance as the owner

lives in Washington City, no remedy can be applied but thro the Board's interference in the usual way, to correct it, An Ordinance to that effect is hereby respectfully presented

George Cuming. City Inspector

Whereupon the Ordinance presented was passed

[185] The City Inspector presented the following report respecting a Lot fronting on Chrystie Street

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an Ordinance passed the Board, some time ago to fill in a sunken Lot N° 223 Chrystie Street directed to W^m Dusenberry—he did not comply therefore the Ordinance was sent to the Attorney, but the Attorney, after judgment was obtained could not recover even costs; unde[r] the peculiar circumstances of this case, it is submitted that it be immediately filled in and a Lien held for all the expences—An Ordinance is herewith presented for that purpose

Respectfully presented

George Cuming C^y Inspector

Whereupon the Ordinance presented was passed

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t

N°	1. J Bradshaw	owner	N°	27 Howard Street	A Lot
	2. M Marx	do		Greene S^t	do
	3. J F Delaplaine	do		Rivington S^t	do
	4. C^s W Sandford	do		Varick S^t	do
	5. J J. Astor	do		Downing S^t	do
	6. D°	do		Hammersly S^t	do
	7. P. Ogilvie	do		Delancy S^t	do
	8. P Allaire	do		31 John S^t	do
	9. P. G Bogert	do		Hammersly S^t	do
	10. [186] G Lorillard	do		84 Canal S^t	do
	11. D Baker	do		27 Chesnut S^t	do
	12. R H Nevins	do		Bleecker S^t	do
	13.	do		Chrystie S^t	do
	14.	do		Catherine & Banker S^t	do

George Cuming C^y Inspector

It was then moved that the Board now proceed to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Gas light which was made the order of the day—Upon the question will the Board now consider the subject it passed in the Negative

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act^{t} 17th Inst^{t}	5.936.86
Rec^{d} for Streets	17.713.23
Tavern & Excise Licences	2041.75
Rents	1563.36
Tax of 1825	250.
Wells & Pumps	120.60
Mayoralty fees $72 Commu^{tn} Alien Passengers $30	102.
Fines &c of Attorney	6.50
Tax of 1825 rec^{d} of the State on Act^{t}	34.000.00
	61.734.30

71 Accounts Audited and ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1^{s} Dist^{t}	1233.75
Hibberd & Clark do 2^{d} "	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly do 3^{d} "	768.25
[187] J Morton C C Council Salary 1 Qurt^{r} 1 August	500.
J Sidell First Marshall 1 Qur^{r} 1 July	225.
A B Martling Keeper C Hall 1 Qu^{r} 1 August	200.
Astin & Higbie Messengers 1 Month "	62.
Ob^{d} Ayres Ass^{t} City Inspector " "	45.50
J Coffin do " "	45.50
C Gilman Keeper Battery " "	31.
A M^{c}Cready Keeper Park " "	31.
G Lathrop Street Inspector 1 Ward " "	38.75
P. Wright do 2^{d} " "	38.75
J B Ebbetts do 3 " "	38.75
N B Lyon do 4th " "	38.75
I A Isaac do 5th " "	38.75
J M Thomas do 6th " "	38.75
B Fuller do 7th " "	38.75
H Mott do 9th " "	38.75
D Hubbard do 10th " "	38.75
J. Woodruff do 11th " "	38.75
A B Martling Keeper C Hall expences Corporation 1 Q^{r} 1 Agust	222.37
Levi Anker in full for services as S^{t} Inspector 3^{d} Ward & regulating Hacks at Theatre	50.
J Morton C C Council for Hack hire	47.25
J Coffin Ass^{t} City Inspector remov^{s} nuisances 1 Qu^{r} 1 August	66.19
B Hicks Ass^{t} Board of Health 1 Mo 1 August	45.50
J Pinckney do " "	45.50
J Bremner Clerk Catherine Market " "	62.
J Gilbert do 3 Markets	60.50
G Duryea do Fulton " "	41.67
R Smith do Franklin " "	38.75
I Asten Sweeper Fulton " " "	38.59

[188] J Colvill Coroner balance due 1 July.....	162.95
O. M Lownds Sherriff for Officers attending Courts 1 Qutr. 1 August	1177.50
S Montgomery for Officers serving *Supbnoes* [subpoenas] 1 Qur "	203.
C Myers Keeper Potters field 1 Mo 1 August.....	69.75
Abm Leggett work of Mud. Scow to 30 July.....	166.90
John Montgomery Stationary 1 Qurr 1 Instt.....	98.38
New York National Advocate Subscription 16 Decer 1825 to 4 July 1826.....	54.94
Wm Gee posting bills 1 Qurr 1 August.....	34.50
J Hammond Justice 1. 2. 3 wards 1 Qur 1 Augst.....	400.
E Morrill do 4. 6 " " "	400.
H Meigs do 5. 8 " " "	400.
D M Cowdrey Clerk Court 1. 2 3 Wards 1 Qur 1 Augst & Expences	189.50
G Betts do 4. 6 " " "	187.50
J Campbell do 5. 8 " " "	187.50
Wm Sherwood Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 " " "	45.
G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Month 1 August.....	954.96
R Provoost repairing do " "	129.47
Van Deusen & Carman working at Lamps 1 Qutr 1 Augst..	74.98
Wm Van Antwerp Attorney for A Brinckerhoof & others award to widen Pearl street at Coenties Slip	4747.98
Heirs of John Gardner award do do	1903.
Wm Van Antwerp do do do	300.
George Long do do do	300.
J Suydam & H J Wyckoff award to widen Slote Lane at Pearl street	3314.
T Cummings bal reg & pav Arden St from Herring St to Church line	101.
[189] T Cummings bal reg & pav 6th Avenue from Carmine to 6th St.....	1408.76
T Price Acct builds Cistrens Bowery Church in Elizabeth St	1000.
J Pinkerton Acct reg & pav Broad St & Beaver St.....	800.
H Smith Act reg & flag Water St fr Pike to Rutgers St...	230.
J Culbert bal repav. Duane Street fr Broadway to Hudson St.....	98.57
John Rogers bal building drain Mill Street.....	96.
S Fargay bal repav Rose street from Frankfort to Duane St.....	91.42
J McComb repairs Intersection 1st Ward.....	362.70
G Tucker repair Culverts & sewers Canal & Chapel Stt....	55.43
R Ayres removs Earth from Whaves at King & Hammond St.....	35.75
R Pettigrew for a Well in Hester st near Chrystie St.....	165.
J Gallagher Junr 1st payt well 5th Street near 2d Avenue...	61.75
G Charlton 1st payt Well Hudson near Chamber St.....	59.

J Gallagher Senr 1st payt Well Cherry near Corlears St....	45.	
J Anderson 1st Instalment Piers at Walnut St Slip.....	266.	
R Graves Street Comr for Repairs Roads.....	1000.	
G Cumming City Inspectr Expences filling Lot Mott Street	22.25	
A Burtis Super Alms House for Hospital.....	2000.	
A Burtis do " Alms House.....	5000.	
Aldm Taylor on Act expences 4th July 1826.....	2500.	
Commissioners of Common Schools for 1826.....	7208.89	
J Fleming Treasurer to pay Interest on City Stock 1 Qutr. 1 August 1826.....	18,500.	61.698.97
	Balance	$35.33

It was moved that when the Board adjourn the[y] adjourn until Wednesday next which was agreed to and the Board then adjourned until Wednesday next at 5 O Clock P M

[190] In Common Council August 2d 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	Thomas Bolton
	William W Mott
	P. C Van Wyck
	John Hitchcock
	Henry Arcularius
	John Lozier
	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

A quorum not appearing the Board adjourned until the next regular Meeting

[191] Special Meeting

In Common Council August 4th 1826

Present The Honbl Richard Riker Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	John Hitchcock
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Mathew Reed	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William P Rathbone	Lemuel Pittman

The Recorder stated that he had called this Special Meeting at the request of several of the Members for the purpose of concluding the unfinished business of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of D Boardman and others and also of S C Schenck stating that the Committee of Arrangements have consented that the Fire works which were prepared for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary but were prevented by the weather [192] from being then exhibited, should now be set off from Peales Parthenon—That they remonstrate against the same as being dangerous to their property and giving an Alarm to their families—Whereupon it was Resolved that the exhibition of those fire works from Peales Parthenon be prohibited It was then moved that the exhibition of the Fireworks be altogether suspended—The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative Alderman White then presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee of Arrangements for the 4th July be authorized to exhibit the Fire works in any ward of this City they may deem proper provided they obtain the consent of the Alderman and Assistant of the ward to such exhibition

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants to have side walks paved in Thompson street between Broome and Prince street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance against a Pump being placed near the corner of Anthony street and Broadway which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Peter Lorillard and George Lorillard for a sewer in Collect street was read and [193] referred to the Canal Committee

A Petition of Abraham Van Ness[t] and others to have Herring street extended to Hudson street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of George P Rogers and others to have the 6th Avenue and Greenwich lane regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Thomas C Taylor respecting the opening of Fourtheenth street was read and the Consideration postponed—And it was directed that all proceedings in relation to opening 14th Street be suspended

The Counsel presented the following Resolutions which were adopted

The Counsel of the Board herewith respectfully presents the usual formal Resolutions for adoption in the Cases of the following streets which have heretofore been agreed to by the Board viz 6th Street from the Bowery to the East river 7th Street from the Bowery to the East River 10th Street from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue and Bancker street from Pearl to Oliver streets

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

I Resolved that is desirable for the public convenience to open Sixth street in the Eleventh [194] ward of the City of New York from the Bowery to the East River: Seventh street in the Eleventh Ward of the said City from the Bowery to the East River: Tenth Street in the Ninth ward of the said City from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue (the same being streets in that part of the said City laid out into streets Avenues Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the act entitled "An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes") passed April 3d 1807) and that the same is hereby ordered and directed, to be done, and that the Counsel to the Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises, in order that the same may be carried into effect

II. Resolved that the Petitions to the Sup[r]eme Court in the above Cases be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

He also presented the following Resolutions which were adopted

I. Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience to widen Bancker street in the Fourth ward of the City of New York from Oliver street to Pearl street on the red lines laid down in a Map entitled "Map of the property affected by the [195] widening of Bancker Street from Pearl to Pike street" dated New York January 1824 made by Thomas R Ludlum City Surveyor (the same being a street in that part of the said City not laid out into Streets Avenues Squares and Public places by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements, touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807 and that the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done: and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the premises in order that the same may be carried into effect

II. Resolved that the Petition to the Supreme Court for the above purpose, be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

A Petition of Tucker and Carter for a Water Grant on the Long Island shore opposite their premises was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John White to have the conduct of Capt A Bleakly on the night of the at the La Fayette Theatre enquired into [196] presented the following Report

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the complaint of John White against Andrew Bleakly Captain of the Third District Watch—Report

That they have had the parties before them with numerous witnesses on both sides, who have been heard, and the complaint and testimony examined into with all the scrutiny that alledged violations of the rights of Citizenship demand

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to encumber their report with a full detail of the evidence in this case, but will endeavour to condense it so as to give a general outline of the affair

The Origin of the complaint referred to your Committee appears by evidence to have been a disturbance at the La Fayette Theatre, among that class of profligate females, and their associates, who

disguised in the habits, and affecting the characters of Ladies and Gentlemen, form the Company of the "upper boxes"

One of these unfortunate females, had used very abusive language to Mr Hughes one of the Marshalls attending that Theatre, on which he ordered her out of the house, she refused to go, and it became his duty to putt her out. she resisted and by her cries of "Murder" &c the whole audience were alarmed in forcing her down stairs a sudden unclenching of her hand from the grasp of a door post, threw her [197] off her balance, and she fell to the foot of the stairs sensless (as she avers) this produced a general cry out against the perpetrator of the act and threats against him, with bitter denunciations resounded from every quarter, foremost among those who vociferated their indignation against Mr Hughes, was John White the complainant who in language unfitting this Report. demanded the man who had thus in his estimation brutally treated a female and rushing forward seized Mr Hughes and attempted to throw him down stairs, but Mr Hughes caused it to be otherwise by throwing White down, at this juncture the Watch who had been previously sent for arrived, and they were called upon by White and others to take Hughes to the Watch House—Capt Bleakly being on the spot and seeing that the conflict was becoming a dangerous one as a ruse de guerre sent Hughes to the Watch House—Hughes however deemed himself a prisoner and as such quietly surrendered, and was accompanied to that place followed by a great crowd, shortly after White appeared there, and came up to the Captains desk during this time Hughes called aloud (and the call was re-iterated by Capt Bleakly) for any person to make a charge against him, no charge was made but White applied some very harsh epithets to the man who threw the female down stairs at the Theatre. Hughes then recognised him as the person who had made an attack upon himself on that occasion and Capt Bl[e]akely having witnessed the affray at the Theatre [198] ordered the doorman to take charge of White, not however until the latter had used very abusive language towards him. the prisoner was then according to the usages of the house placed within the grating, where he remained for about three fourths of an hour, when he was allowed the use of the house and stoop on his parole of honor thus he was detained until morning when he was conducted to the Police Office—Mr White speaks in the highest terms of commendation of his treatment in the Watch House with the exception of the deportment of Capt Bleakly

It was shewn in evidence that time was afforded Mr White to make a charge against Hughes if he had thought proper to do it and all the

testimony (except that of White) went to establish Capt Bleaklys moderation on this, and other occasions of the discharge of his public duties

Your Committee consider that it will not be travelling beyond their duty to express their favorable opinion of Mr Hughes and that in their estimation his conduct throughout the unfortunate affair which has produced this report was such as becomes a Man in his station

On the whole, it appears to your Committee, that although Mr White was undoubtedly actuated by feelings of commisseration for what he supposed to be a gross abuse of a female, and may plead that in justification of his attack on Hughes, yet it is not for a moment to be admitted, that his deportment was correct and that Hughes under [199] the circumstances should have been taken to the Watch house for any other purpose than protection from an enfuriated Mob, the fact, that White made no charge against him when there, is of itself evidence to this point

The charge against Capt Bleakly is in the opinion of your committee groundless as there was no evidence of harshness or severity on his part and as the conduct of White at the Theatre and the abuse offerred to Capt Bleakly in the Watch House was such as to render it proper that he should be detained in the Watch House until morning

It is pleasing to your Committee that this public Officer should be found on investigation guiltless of charges against him, but they will not on that account be the less ready to hear the complaints of their fellow Citizens against the City Watch and to correct according to their power every encroachment of the rights of citizenship coming from that quarter and it will always contribute to the usefulness of our Watch Establishment that the inhabitants of the City have a jealous eye to their deportment

As a summary of their opinion your Committee propose the following Resolution

Resolved that the conduct of Capt Andrew Bleakly of the third district Watch in relation to the complaint made against him by John White was correct and [200] that he performed his duty on that occasion with propriety

Jameson Cox
P. W Engs
Jno R Peters
Henry Arcularius
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Alderman White presented the following preamble and Resolution

The Common council having received information that a Company of Light Infantry of the City of Boston will visit the City in a few days and being desirous of evincing their respect for the Military of their Sister City therefore Resolved that a Committee be appointed to tender to the said Corp[s] the Welcome of this Common Council to this City and to offer such Hospitable attentions as may be acceptable

Resolved that Aldermen White Agnew Rathbone Lamb and Mr Arcularius be a Committee to carry the said Resolution into effect which was adopted

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Market Committee with powers

Resolved that Centre Market be extended up Rynder street to such distance as the Market Committee to gether with the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward may deem proper

[201] Alderman Rathbone presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the roof and Cupulo of the City Hall to be repaired and painted the same to be carried into effect under the direction of the Committee on Repairs

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Canal Committee

Resolved that the sunken parts of the Kennell in Collect Street from Pearl street leading to the mouth of the Sewer be repaired

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to Report to this Board whether the Law concerning Dogs has been enforced and also what alterations if any can be made in said Law more effectually to prevent their running at Large

Mr Arcularius presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that all Public Wells hereafter to be sunk shall be finished in a durable manner with Stone covers and curbs

Mr Arcularius presented the following which were referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side Walks in [202] Harrison street between Washington and West streets be regulated and paved

Resolved that the side walks in Jay street between Washington street and West street be regulated and paved

Resolved that Hudson street be repaved from the Southerly side of Anthony street to the Northerly side of Beach street and that the side walks be widened according to Law on the said distance

The Recorder presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences to enquire into the expediency of placing in the City Hall a Clock or Chronometer by which the Clocks in the several Churches and other public Clocks shall be regulated throug[h]out the City

The Recorder presented the following which was referred to the Police and Watch Committee

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to enquire and report to this Board into the expediency of associating with the several Watch Departments of our City, a Judicial Officer with powers of a Justice of the Peace, to the end that such Magistrate may admit Prisoners to bail who by a due Course of Common Law, may of right be admitted to bail

[203] M[r] Hitchcock presented the following which was laid on the Table

Resolved that the Ordinance relative to Hogs running at Large in this City be repealed

M[r] Engs moved that the Report of the Committee on Gas light which was the order of the day for the last meeting be now taken up After some discussion the motion was withdrawn

A Letter was presented which was rec[d] from his Excellency the Governor to the Mayor (Honb[l] P Hone) in reply to his letters on the subject of the Jersey controversy was read and referred to the Law Committee

Albany 2[d] August 1826

Sir

on my return, day before yesterday from a Tour to the West, I received your letters of the 18[th] & 29[th] Ultimo

The case presented by you is a serious one, There has existed for a long time a misunderstanding between New Jersey and this State respecting territorial and jurisdictional limits—Many years ago this question was submitted to the adjustment of Commissioners appointed by each of the contending States: The negociation was broken off: The claims of New Jersey were asserted as extending "ad filum aquae" or the middle of the Channel of the Hudson and Bays, and

those of New York to high water mark on the West shore of those waters. The former State, has, if I recollect right, [204] attempted at various times to obtain an Act of Congress with a view to a Judicial termination of the controversy, there being no existing provision for the decision of subjects of this nature, but failing in her attempts, she has within a few years made at different times two overtures for an amicable arrangement. The first was passed over in silence by our Legislature; And the second was introduced by me in the annual message of 1825 in the following terms, to wit, "The most friendly feelings I have reason to believe, exist between this State and the other Members of the confederacy, which I hope will ever prevail to the utter exclusion of sectional jealousies and Geographical prejudices. Our controversies about jurisdiction and territory have been definitely settled with all except the State of New Jersey; and seeing no reason why an amicable adjustment on the most favorable terms, should not be effected, I earnestly recommend that provision be made for that purpose, in accordance with the Law passed by that patriotic State which I shall cause to be laid before you"

The proposal of New Jersey, was to submit the question to Commissioners subject to the ratification of the Legislatures of the respective States. I then thought and still think, that amity, policy, and justice, demanded its acceptance by New York—After a Bill had passed the Senate without opposition on that ground, it was opposed in the Assembly by a remonstrance from the Corporation of the City of New York and by some of its members no doubt [205] with pure views but certainly under erroneous impressions—No injury could have resulted from the reference. The appointment of enlightned & patriotic Commissioners in the first instance and the salutary negative reserved to the Legislature in the second, would have effectually protected our rights and interests against improvident or mischevious arrangements The principal objects to attain on our part are a complete control over quarantine regulations and the prevention of impediments to navigation on the part of New Jersey, the extension of improvements into the contested waters, some judicious provisions about the service of process on them and some fixed understanding about the fisheries—I have no doubt but that a successful negociation might have been had on all these points, And that if the State thought fit to decline an adjustment in the way profered, she ought at least to render every facility in her power for a judicial termination of the dispute. Neither having been done it was to be expected that New Jersey would feel some irritation, As my term of Office will expire

with the present year, I cannot say what may be considered proper for the Executive to present to the favorable consideration of the next Legislature; but if this were not the case, I should certainly conceive it my duty to reiterate my recommendation of an amicable submission as proposed by New Jersey and which I believe would have a tendancy to quiet the present excitements and to terminate all obnoxious proceedings—I shall [206] bestow further consideration on this subject and give you early information on any interesting views that may occur

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your most Obt Servt

The Honbl Philip Hone
Mayor of New York

DeWitt Clinton

[207] In Common Council August 14. 1826

Present The Honbl Richard Riker Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
Anthony Lamb	Pierre C Van Wyck
Jameson Cox	Henry Arcularius
Jacob B Taylor	William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander	Philip W Engs
	John R Peters
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

A Quoram not appearing the President adjourned the Board untill Monday next the 28th Inst at 5 OClock P M

[208] In Common Council August 28th 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Samuel Gilford Junr	Thomas Bolton
Anthony Lamb	William W Mott
Mathew Reed	Pierre C Van Wyck
Jameson Cox	John Hitchcock
Stuart F Randolph	John Lozier
Jacob B Taylor	William S Coe
	Philip W Engs
	Abm S Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

A quorum not appearing the President adjourned the Board until Monday the 11th of September next at 5 OClock P M

[209] In Common Council Septemr 11 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P. White	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Hitchcock
Mathew Reed	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

His Honor the Mayor stated that a Quorum of the Board not having met on the 14th & 28th of August last the times for the regular Meetings of the Board the following Accounts were directed to be passed by a Majority of the Members and Warrants were accordingly issued for the payment of the same—Whereupon the same was approved

[210] Comptrollers Report of 14 August 1826

Balance as per Act^{t} 31 July	35.33
Rec^{d} for Streets	22.145.91
Rents	7339.32
Justices Courts	778.47
Sales of Wooden Fence at Battery	144.50
Wells & Pumps	124.02
Commutation Alien Passengers	120.
Mayoralty fees	98.
	$30.785.55

61 Accounts audited

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dis^{t}	1233.75
Hibbard & Clark 2^{d}	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly 3^{d}	768.25
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qut^{r} 15 Inst	400.
J P Roome Super Repairs 1 Qut^{r} 14 Inst	300.
S M^{c}Cormick Inspector of Hacks 1 Qu^{r} 1 Inst	100.
J Burger regulating Public Clocks 1 Qu^{r} 1 Inst	50.
J Stephens S^{t} Inspector 8th Ward 1 Month 1st Inst	38.75
Ald Taylor for expences 4th July balance	1539.40
Steam Boat Navigation C^{o} for Steam Boat at Com Mc-Donoughs funeral	300.
S Fleet sunday service 8th Ward 13 days to 31st July	19.50
L Baum Clk. Washington Market 1 Mo 1st August	74.17
P Ammerman Clk 3 Markets " "	48.50
Geo: B Thorp Keeper of City Prison & Asst^{s} 1 Qu^{r} 1 Inst	450.
John J Howe Physician do do	75.
John M Bloodgood Super St^{s} 1 Qur^{r} 1 Inst	375.
Jacob Rappleyea Asst do " "	250.
Sam^{el} S S Hoyt making books &c in Mayor's Office	102.
[211] Ab^{m} Leggett work of Mud Scow 12 day[s] to 13 Inst	147.87
P & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qut^{r} 1st Inst	426.50
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qu^{r} 12th Inst	375.
R Hatfield do to pay Witnesses 1 Qut^{r} 12 Inst	29.
John P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qut^{r} 3^{d} Inst	50.
H Scovell Justice 7th & 10th Wards 1 Qu^{r} 1 Inst	400.
W^{m} H Smith Clerk of Court 7 & 10 Wards 1 Qur^{r} 1 Inst	187.50
Alex^{r} Young Rent of Court 4. 6 Wards " "	32.50
Jesse Howard do 5. 8 do " "	25.
J Hopson Spe: Justice 1 Qut^{r} 12 Inst	400.
H Abeel do do do	400.
S Ovutt do " "	400.
S L Hommedieu Clerk Police " "	312.50
R Stephens Asst Clerk do " "	250.
J Pinkerton Act^{t} reg & pav Broad & Beaver S^{t}	2400.
J. C Tucker Act^{t} building drain Broad S^{t}	1100.

J Pinckerton bal reg & pav 4th St from Broadway to 6th Avenue	296.90	
H Smith bal reg & flag side walks Water St between Cath & Market Slips	193.15	
Abm Stagg bal reg & flag Pitt St fr Division to Stanton St.	144.94	
O McCabe bal reg & pav Houston St fr Broadway to Thompson St	122.85	
O Smith bal reg & pav Essex St from Delancy to Rivington St	360.93	
H Smith bal reg & pav Bancker St fm Pike to Oliver St	271.60	
J Bailey bal pav Side walks Delancy St b Bowery & E River	253.20	
H Smith bal reg & flag Water St from Pike to Rutgers St.	181.84	
B McCafferty bal reg Elizabeth St b Prince & Bleecker St	75.08	
J Pinckerton bal reg & pav Chamber St frm Bdway to Greenwich St	25.88	
Francis P Vidall Surveys 1 Jan to 1 August 1826	41.64	
H Smith repav Corptn property at White Hall Slip & Marketfield St	991.30	
[212] Abm Storms 1s Instlt builds Piers at Duane Slip	2490.	
Abm Storms do do at Chamber St	1342.50	
S Burgess building Bulk head West St near St Prison wharf	1244.96	
Abm Storms 1st Instalmt builds Block at Market Slip	918.	
J Anderson 2d payt building Piers at Walnut Slip	734.	
Abm Storms 1st Instalt Corporatn part builds Pier at Cathn Slip	262.50	
R Pettigrew rebuilds Well Harman near Jefferson St	102.	
R Pettigrew 1s payt well 6th St near Broadway	76.	
J Gallagher Senr 1st payt Well Ridge near Broome St	68.31	
Saml Y Clark Colr 8th Ward City Tax 1825 over paid	359.85	
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Docks &c	2361.	
J. P Roome do Repairs	2066.	
J. P. Roome do Fire Dept	1003.	
J. P. Roome do Markets	538.	
J. P. Roome do Pump Dept	356.	30.783.37
	Balance	$2.18

Comptrollers Report of 28th August 1826

Balance as per Actt 14th Inst	2.18
Recd for Rents	2331.96
" Police Office	991.50
" Justices Courts	188.97
" Mayoralty fees	87.
" Commutation Alien Passengers	20.
" Tax of 1825 recd of the State on Actt	20.000.00
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 30th Jany on Actt	20.000.00
	$43.621.61

31 Accounts audited

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist	1233.75	
Hibbard & Clark do 2d do	841.75	
[213] Stagg & Bleakly do 3d do	768.25	
T J Waters Clerk Comptrollers Office 1 Qur Salary 24 Inst	200.00	
Abm Leggett work Mud Scow 12 days to 27 Inst	139.01	
J Hays for Officers Extra service Police 1 Qutr 26 Inst	406.78	
J. Hays for do conveying Prisoners to City Prison 1 Qr 1 Inst	206.	
Office of American Subscription 6 Mo 26 Inst	50.	
J Morton Hack hire for Committees &c	12.50	
T Longworth 10 Copies of the Directory	20.	
Trustees Sailors Snug Harbour Award Closing Greenwich Lane fm Bdway to 6 Avenue	5471.	
J B Coles do do do	3148.50	
Wm W Gilbert do do do	1578.	
Frances Nicholson do do "	1044.	
Trustees 2d Associate Reformd Church do do "	519.50	
John Rogers do do "	336.50	
Elkanah Doolittle Award openg Cliff St fm Ferry to Frankfort st	5236.	
Saml Hendrickson Do do	5100.	
Catherine Stewart do do	2350.	
P McCartee & P Bonnett Assignees of Estate of Cunningham & McCormick do do	1884.50	
Estate of Joseph Brackett do do	215.	
William McDonnel do do	200.	
Thomas Musgrove do do	108.25	
John Titus do do	92.50	
John B Coles award Opening 6th St from Broadway to Christopher St	9594.	
Trustees 2d Associate Reformd Church do do	2485.	
Wm C Rhinelanander do do	138.	
Thos Cumming for earth to repair Intersection Amos & Factory St	28.75	
[214] J Gallagher Senr 1s payt Well Washington St near Nth Moore St	34.	
G Charlton 1st payt Well Cliff St near Fulton St	60.37	
R Pettigrew for a Well Roosevelt St near Charlton St	87.50	43.616.41
Balance		$5.20

Comptrollers Report for this day 11th Septem. 1826

Balance as per Actt 28 August	5.20
Recd for Streets	9606.98
Rents	1955.56
Justices Courts	956.05
Arrears of Tax $500 Docks & Slips 389.25	898.25
Police office $158.19 Sheriffs fines $1	159.19
Dist Attorneys fees	56.57
Mayoralty fees	72.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 30 Jany on Act	14.000.00
	$27.814.03

61 Accounts audited & ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart	Watch	1 Dist			1233.75
Hibbard & Clark	do	2d "			841.75
Stagg & Bleakly	do	3d "			768.25
Geo. Cuming	City Inspector	1 Qur Salary	1 Inst		200.
Ob Ayres Asst	do	1 Mo	1 Inst		47.25
J Coffin	do do	1 Mo	"		47.25
C Myers	Keeper Pottersfield	"	"		69.75
Astin & Higbie	Messengers	"	"		62.
C Gilman	Keeper Battery	"	"		31.
A McCready	" Park	"	"		31.
G Lathrop	St Inspector 1s Ward	"	"		38.75
P Wright	" 2d	"	"		38.75
[215] J B Ebbets	" 3d	"	"		38.75
N B Lyon	" 4th	"	"		38.75
I A Isaacs	" 5	"	"		38.75
J M Thomas	" 6	"	"		38.75
B Fuller	" 7	"	"		38.75
J Stephens	" 8	"	"		38.75
H Mott	" 9th	"	"		38.75
D Hubbard	" 10th	"	"		38.75
J Woodruff	" 11th	"	"		38.75
J Morton	Clerk C C Hack hire for Committees &c				18.50
L Baum	Clerk Washington Market	1 Mo	1 Inst		75.42
J Bremner	do Cathe[r]ine	"	"		62.
J Gilbert	do 3	"	"		59.
P Ammerman	do 3	"	"		49.50
G Duryea	do Fulton	"	"		41.67
R Smith	do Franklin	"	"		40.87
I Asten	Sweeper Fulton	"	"		38.59
A Leggett	work Mud scow to 10th Inst				142.40
R Hicks	Asst Board of Health—1 Mo 1 Inst				47.25
J Pinckney	do do	"	"		47.25
H Maxwell	Dist Attorney 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst				625.
O M Lownds	Sheriff for Offices Conveyg Prisoners to Penitentiary & House of Refuge 1 Qur 1 Inst				33.50

Thos A Ronalds paper for Atlass Maps Street Comr.....	36.	
Mercantile Advertiser Subscription 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	25.	
N Comstock 20 Casks Oil.....	1192.88	
G Snethen lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	960.19	
R Provoost repairs do " "	142.84	
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees &c opening LaFayette Place..	691.08	
[216] Jas Campbell & Associates Comrs fees &c opening LaFayette Place	376.87	
H Smith Actt reg & pav Lombardy St from Clinton to Grand St.....	1800.	
Wm W Gilbert bal Award closing Greenwich Lane.....	32.	
J C Tucker Actt building sewer Broad St.....	800.	
J Pinckerton Actt repav Broad & Beaver St.....	450.	
J McComb repairs Intersections 3d Ward.....	308.08	
J Williams 3d payt filling & reg Pottersfield.....	2000.	
R Graves St Comr repairs Roads.....	500.	
R Pettigrew 1s payt Well John near William St.....	67.50	
R Pettigrew 1s payt Well Van Dam b McDougal & Varick Sts.....	52.	
J Gallagher Sen. 1s payt Well Columbia near Rivington St.	37.35	
J P Roome Super Repairs for Expences 4th July.....	1266.	
J P Roome " Fire Department	1037.	
J. P Roome " Markets	500.	
J. P Roome " Lamps	423.	
J P Roome " Battery	400.	
J. P Roome " Pump Dept	300.	
J. P Roome " Repairs	100.	
John M Bloodgood Sup Streets bal due 1s August as per Actt	2254.98	
John M Bloodgood do on Actt.....	2000.	
A Burtis Super Alms House.....	5000.	$27.791.97
Balance		$22.06

A Petition of Daniel Waldron Junr for Office of City Guager was read & referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Augustus Wynkoop to purchase from the Board a Gore of ground at the corner of the [217) Second Avenue & Second street lying in front of his property was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Post to purchase Lots Nos 25 & 26 of the Common Lands was read and referred to the finance Committee

A Petition of the Foreman & Assistant of Hook & Ladder Company No 5 for an increase of men was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Butchers and Owners of Stalls in the Essex Mar-

ket to have a Board floor laid in said Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of owners & Occupants of Lots in Cannon Street to have said Street paved from Stanton to North Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Ferris Pell to have a fine remitted for not filling up a certain Lot between Fifth & Sixth streets was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Pet of John B Smith to have his Stall N° 16 Centre Market transferred to his son W^m A D Smith was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Sherwood for Office of Inspector of Lumber was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[218] A Petition of Owners & Occupants of Lots in the Vicinity of Broome & Chrystie Streets for a Well & Pump at the Intersection of Chrystie & Broome Streets waas read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John C Morrison Henry Gahn and Thomas Kane to be permitted to dig out & regulate Hudson street and the Great Kill Road in front of their Property was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Joanna Bethune & Eliza Ludlow owners of Real estate in the Village of Greenwich and City of New York praying that the opening of Cornelia Street from Greenwich Lane to the North River may be suspended &c was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Joseph Seaman for the Office of Inspector of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants residing in the Vicinity of Wooster street between Bleecker & Amity streets for a Well & Pump was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9^th^ Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Henry Street to have a Hog returned to him which was taken up by the Hog Cart was read & referred to the Charity Committee

[219] A Petition of a Number of Inhabitants to have the side walks of Green street paved from Prince to Houston street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Benjamin Hyde & others for permission to pave

Amity Street between Wooster and Green streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the President & Directors of the Chemical Bank for a gore of ground on 32d St was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Two Remonstrances were received from the Inhabitants of the Eighth and Ninth Wards complaining of the conduct of Tunis A Cuypers and Joseph D Smith as Inspectors of Fire Wood and praying that they may be removed together with a Recommendation in favor of Tunis A Cuypers which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of James N Jones for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips

A Petition of John C Smith praying that an Error in his Assessment may be corrected was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of David Renny to be appointed an Inspector of Fire wood was read and referred to the [220] Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of John Gibson and others to have Theatre Alley paved from Ann to Beekman Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Norris L Martin for remission of a Penalty for not filling in Cellar corner South and Dover street was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James D Oram to be appointed a Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Delaware & Hudson Canal Company stating that on the 3d of August last they paid to the City Chamberlain the Commutation agreeably to Law, but not knowing that the period of the meeting of the Board of Supervisors was changed they did not present the receipt to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors until after the first meeting and they now pray that they may be permitted to Commute for the State Tax was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Mary, William & Eliza Fennell children of Margaret Fennell deceased praying that they may receive a sum of money paid into the City Treasury by Docr Benjamin Prince Public Administrator was read and referred to the Law Committee

[221] A Petition of Robert Latimer for compensation for Work done on the 10th Avenue was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of Jacob Lorillard requesting that an Ordinance to have a part of West Street North of Desbrosses Street filled in by him may be suspended

Also a Petition of George Zabriskie praying that certain stone encumbering West Street may be removed agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council

Also a Petition of Alexander Masterson and others that they may be authorized to occupy part of West street with stone—were severally read & referred to Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner with Powers

A Petition of Richard Willcox respecting the laying out of the Park & improvements in front of the City Hall—were read and laid on the Table

A Petition of John Langdon for the remission of a Fine for Measuring Salt without his warrant renewed was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Communication from John Wark stating that several complaints made by him to the Attorney of the Board of breaches of the Corporation Laws were not attended to by the Attorney was read and referred to the Police Committee

[222] A Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society for relief on Assessment for opening Second street was received and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Henry P Havens to buy or Lease Lot corner of South street and Market Slip was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Henry & P Smith praying to be compensated for removing Dirt from Bancker Street in the 7th Ward was read and referred to the Streeet Committee

A Petition of dealers in Ship Timber and Spars to have Nathan Roberts appointed Inspector thereof was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants to have Bancker street regulated and paved from Jefferson to Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Scott for the remission of a Fine &c was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of the Owners & Lessees of Property in Bancker street

and the adjoining Streets praying that the name of it may be changed to that of Rose street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[223] A Petition of Mrs La Grange for an extension of time to pay her Assessment on Canal Street Sewer was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of P Quidor Junr to be appointed Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of James R Stuart to be appointed a City Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Henry Simmons relative to the Assessment for opening 3d Street to the East River was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments and the Counsel

A Petition of John Harris praying for a Division and Apportionment of a certain Assessment of benefit on opening 6th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of David Gelston & others to have Burrows street straightened was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of A Frederick and others for an Ordinance to prevent the Butchers from casting the Offals and Blood of Animals slaughtered into the North River South of the State Prison was read & referred to the Police Committee

[224] A Memorial of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company in relation to said Ferry was read and laid on the Table, was afterward called up and referred to the Ferry and Law Committee together with the Counsel of the Board

A Petition of 64 Farmers on Long Island in the vicinity of Williamsburgh also from a number of Inhabitants of New York remonstrating against the Williamsburgh Ferry was referred to the Ferry & Law Committees together with the Counsel to Report at the next Meeting of the Board

A Petition of George Messerve for permission to occupy Stall No 16 Fulton Market lately held by his Father was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of George Butler praying to be appointed Weigh Master for the City and County of New York was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Sundry persons praying that the pump corner of Cedar Street and Broadway be removed to the opposite Corner was

read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Broad Street on the late Assessment and praying for redress was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments

[225] A Petition of Jacob Rapelyea & Jacob G Dyckman late Contractors of Street Manure for remission of fines &c was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William D Blackwell in relation to an alledged encroachment on the Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of D Campbell for a stand in Centre Market in Grand Street was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of S B Fleming to Lease or Purchase the Lot of Ground corner Market Slip and Front Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of J P Knapp in behalf of the Bethel Baptist Church praying that the award reported by the Secretary of State under the Law passed Novr 19. 1824 entitled an Act relating to Common Schools in the City of New York be allowed &c was read and referred to the Law Committee together with the Papers on that subject

A Petition of a Number of Inhabitants praying for a Market foot of Canal Street was read and referred to the Committee on Markets

A Petition of Alexr Hamilton & others to erect a Public Dock at the foot of 116th street on the Harlaem River was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

[226] A Remonstrance of Henry Rutgers against the present location of Montgomery street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Request of George T Trimble Treasurer of the Public School Society to have the annuities which are granted by the State from the Excise fund paid was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a Well and Pump corner second Street and Avenue C was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William *Ownes* [Owens] to be appointed a Measurer & Inspector of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Communication from a number of Inhabitants approving of Mr

Doughty City Surveyors plan of regulating the lands between North & 13th Streets the East River and the 1st Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Fay as nearest friend to James & Elenor Fay for payment of Money due them from the Avails of the Estate of James O Fay was read and referred to the Law Committee

[227] A Petition of Stephen Huesties to purchase from the Corporation a piece of Land near the 3d Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of J G. Pierson for permission to place an Iron railing at the side of the Church erecting at the Corner of Mercer and Prince streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward with powers

A Petition of J G Pierson for permission to erect an Iron railing in front of Houses on Bleecker street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward with powers

The Law Committee to whom was referred the subject relative to the Establishment of another Ferry south of the Old Ferry at Brooklyn presented a Report which was laid on the Table and directed to be printed under the direction of the Chairman of the Law Committee—Mr Hitchcock gave notice that he would at the next Meeting of the Board call up the Report &c

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Fishermen at the Fulton Market presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the [228] Fishermen and others at Fulton Market

Respectfully Report

That the Petetioners represent, that the persons employed in the Steam Boats and those employed in the Vessels which transport Wood for said Boats which frequent Fulton Slip, are in the constant practice of throwing Bark, Cinders, and other dirt, and filth into the Slip, which gets into their Cars and Kills their Fish, and that the great Number of Steam Boats which enter the said Slip, frequently block up the passage in such manner as to interfere with the entrance of Market & Fish Boats into said Slip

The Law of the Corporation entitled " A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and Slips and to establish the rates of Wharfage " in the Eighth Section, declares—That no person shall throw any Stones, earth, Timber, Ballast, Shells, Ashes or other dirt

or rubbish whatsoever into any of the Docks Wharves, Piers, quays or Slips in the City under the penalty of Ten dollars for each offence— and the Ninth section "declares, that if any shells Ashes Stones or dirt whatsoever, shall be thrown from any Vessel into any of the Slips or docks the person throwing the same and the Master, owner or possessor of such Vessel shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the sum of Five dollars" The Petitioners therefore have it in their own power to cause an application of the legal remedy for the first mentioned evil complained of—And as the Alderman and Assistants of all the Wards in the City as well as the Mayor and Recorder have by the [229] said Law full Power to regulate the lying of Vessels in said Slip or to cause the removal of all Steam Boats (exceeding a Hundred Tons) therefrom your Committee are of opinion that it is unnecessary for the Common Council to make any new regulation on the subject. They therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition New York August 14. 1826

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman
Mathew Reed
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Resolution on subject of supplying the Village of Yorkville with an Engine presented the following Report

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Resolution of the last on the subject of supplying the Village of York Ville with an Engine Report, that they have examined the situation, and believe that the Inhabitants in that vicinity are entitled to the means of protection against Fire, by having an Engine stationed there, they would respectfully recommend that old Engine N° 36, be put in good order and painted for the use [230] of said Village, and that a Company of 16 Men be appointed for the purpose of taking charge of and Working said Engine, they respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department cause old Engine N° 36 to

be put in good order and painted and placed at the Village of York Ville

Campbell P White
Signed Samuel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of John McComb respecting a Bulk head &c presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of John McComb Respectfully Report

That the Memorialist represents that he was directed by an Ordinance of the Corporation to build a Bulkhead in front of his Lot of ground fronting on Duane street Basin, on the line of West street, that in conformity therewith, he has made an agreement with a dock builder who is now ready to commence and to finish it without delay

The Memorialist also represents that William Stone one of the owners of property fronting on said Basin is absent from the City and has no agent [231] to attend to his part of said bussiness, and that Daniel N Tucker another of said owners, has not consented to join in constructing said Bulkhead that the length thereof is but about 90 feet and that as the property of the Memorialist lies in the centre it will be impossible for him to complete his part as it ought to be without those owning the adjoining Lots execute their respective parts of said Bulkhead at the same time

The Memorialist requests that the Board will take such Measures as will enable him to comply with the aforesaid Ordinance

Your Committee understand from the Street Commissioner that since the said Memorial was presented Mr Stone, or his Agent has agreed to proceed with his part of said Work, and as that part owned by Mr Tucker is the only impediment to the completion of West street across said Basin, agreeably to an Ordinance of the Corporation, which was passed in November last; and as the time allowed Mr Tucker and the other proprietors to complete said street expired on the first day of May last, Your Committee are of opinion that the completion of said street, ought not to be further delayed, they therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized, and directed to cause such parts of West street to be made across Duane street Basin, as the owners of the adjoining Lots have neglected

to make, agreeably to Ordinances of the [232] Corporation, and that he cause the intermediate spaces between said street and the present Bulk head to be filled in and completed agreeably to said Ordinances

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman
Matthew Reed
Signed John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of Thomas Jeroleman to be appointed Inspector of Fire Wood presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Jeroleman to be appointed Inspector of Fire wood for the Eighth District

Respectfully Report

That having made enquiries respecting the Character and Qualifications of said Petitioner they are of opinion that he is a proper person to be appointed to said Office, they therefore recommend that the appointment be accordingly made by the Board

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman
Mathew Reed
John Hitchcock

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and it was Resolved that Thomas Jeroleman be [233] and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Firewood

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving the side walks of Thompson street from Broome to Prince street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petetion for paving the side walks of Thompson street from Broome Street to Prince street—Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Thompson street be paved from Broome street to Prince street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petetion of the owners &c of property on La Fayette Place praying that, that street or place may be regulated presented the following report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of the Owners of property on [La] Fayette place praying that, that [234] Street or place may be regulated Report that as the Buildings and incumbrances are to be removed from that street within Sixty days from and after the 1st day of August Inst they see no impropriety in directing the regulation thereof immediately after that time, and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that La Fayette place be filled up and regulated from and immediately after the first day of October next

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the 6th Avenue and Greenwich Lane permanently regulated to 13th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the Sixth Avenue and Greenwich Lane permanently regulated to 13th Street report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that the sixth Avenue be regulated from Greenwich Lane to 13th Street

Resolved that Greenwich Lane be [235] regulated from the Sixth Avenue to 13th Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of property on West street between Dey and Cedar streets praying that, that street may be regulated &c presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Owners of the property on West between Dey street and Cedar street praying that, that street may be regulated and paved Report that in their opinion the paving of West Street has become necessary, and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that West Street be regulated and paved from Dey street to Cedar Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for having Charles Street paved from Greenwich street to Washington Street presented the [236] following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for having Charles street paved from Greenwich street to Washington street Report that in their opinion the improvements by buildings on that Street render it necessary to pave that Street throughout and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Charles Street be regulated and paved from Washington street to Greenwich Lane

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving the side walks of Lewis street presented the following report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for paving the side Walks of Lewis street between Rivington street and North street Report that in their opinion the laying the Walks in that Street is necessary and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Lewis street be paved between Rivington street [237] and North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for finishing all the Public Wells with Stone Curbs presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution suggesting the propriety of finishing all the Public Wells with Stone Curbs—Report that they have given the subject their deliberate attention and are of the opinion that it is not expedient to furnish Stone Curbs to the Public Wells, inasmuch as that they would from the Settlement of Wells require constant repairs, and that whenever such Wells should require deepening (which is frequently the case) or the Pump to be repaired much inconvenience would arise as well as an additional expence to the public Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to furnish the Public wells with Stone Curbs

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[238] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Ireland and others for permission to pave Amity Street &c presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John Ireland & others for permission to pave so much of Amity street as lies between Wooster & Sullivan streets—Report that they have given the subject their deliberate Consideration and are of the opinion that the paving of that Street has become necessary, not only that portion of it asked for by the petitioners but also the whole of Amity street between Broadway and Sixth Avenue—In Connection with the above is Great Jones Street extending from Broadway to the Bowery and is a Continuation of Amity street Your Committee would

also recommend that Great Jones street be paved in conjunction with Amity Street accordingly they submit the following resolutions

Resolved that Amity Street be paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue

Resolved that Great Jones street be paved from Broadway to the Bowery

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for repaving Rutgers street [239] between Cherry Street and Division street presented the following report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution for repaving Rutgers street between Cherry street and Division street Report that they have duly considered the subject and are of the Opinion the repaving of that Street is necessarily required inasmuch as that an Ordinance passed the Common Council in September last for widening the side walks of that street and relaying them, and which order was not carried into effect owing to the lateness of the season and scarcity of materials—if the Ordinance for widening & laying the side walks be complied with the necessity for paving the Carriage way is apparent, inasmuch as the walks now but ten feet would be widened to twelve feet consequently four feet of the present Carriage way would be broken up, and could not be made to conform with the side walks—Your Committee are therefore of the Opinion that inasmuch as the side walks of that Street require to be widened and relaid (they being narrow & broken) they recommend that the carriage way be repaved at the same time and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Rutgers street be repaved from near Cherry street to Division street

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Wm S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[240] The Special Committee for cleaning the Streets &c presented the following Report and a Statement made by the Superintendant of Streets

Report of the Special Committee who was charged with the subject of Cleaning the Streets submit herewith a Statement made by the Superintendant Shewing the expenditures Receipts Estimates and probable result of expences to the Corporation for three Months from the 1st of May to the 31st of July inclusive, Which shows a Balance against the Corporation of Four hundred fifty four dollars 10 Cents as per Statement above referred to—And your Committee are happy to state that the indefatiguable exertion of the Superintendants to keep the Streets in good order and give satisfaction to their fellow Citizens meets with general approbation, and your Committee are well satisfied with the manner in which the accounts are kept—And the System so far as it is extended for cleaning the Streets meets the most sanguine expectations of your Committee

Mathew Reed
W. S. Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Samuel Gilford Junr

Which was approved and the Report together with the Statement of the Superintendant of Streets was directed to be printed under the direction of the Special Committee on Streets

[241] Statement from the Office of Superintendant of Streets City of New York from 1st May to 31st July 1826

Purchases by Special Committee charged with the cleaning streets & paid by the Chairman of the same as exhibited in his Acct in the Office of the Comptroller			Sold and delivered to date 487 boat Load containing 26013½ Cart Loads manure amounting to as per Certificate	7124.26
22 horses bought of Sundry persons		1585.	Sand tickets & due bills on hand	73.95
21 Carts do do do		1260.	Manure in heap estimated at 1600 Cart Loads & worth	400.00
20 Cart Harness & Halters		261.50		
Keeping the Horses prior to 1st May		59.50		
		$3166.00		$7598.21
To Cash paid at the Office of Superintendant in the Month of May—Viz				
Inspectors of Manure	206.37			
Drivers Corporation Carts	454.95			
Forage do Horses	240.81			
Shoeing do do	70.71			
Drivers Bell Carts	128.89			
Shovels	12.			
Manure forks	12.25			
Brooms	41.40			
Printing directions for Boatmen	6.75			
[242] Water pails & tubs	7.			
Cleaning Office & Office furniture	10.			
Stationary	1.25			
Printing directions for Cartmen	26.			
	1218.38			
Hired Men, Horses & Carts	3022.44	4240.82	Amount carried over	$7598.21

Cash pd in the Month of June at. the Office of Superintendant Viz		
Inspectors Manure	140.01	
Drivers Corporation Carts	318.78	
Forage do Horses	109.99	
Shoeing do do	24.97	
Driving Bell Carts	125.89	
Manure forks	9.75	
Tar tallow & Salt	8.	
Repairs of Carts &c	6.	
	743.39	
Hired Men Horses & Carts	1276.82	$2020.21
To Cash paid of the Office of [243] Superintendant for the month of July Viz		
Inspectors Manure	146.62	
Drivers Corporation Carts	358.41	
Forage do Horses	416.34	
Drivers Bell Carts	108.97	
Horse Shoeing	84.79	
Repairs Carts &c	9.12	
	1124.25	
Hired Men, Horses, & Carts	1262.34	
		2386.59
Salary Superdt Streets from 1 May 31 July last	375.	
Salary Asst do do	250.	625.00
		12438.62
To Balance		$4840.41
		4840.41
To Balance		454.16

Amount brot over		7598.21
Balance		4840.41
		12438.62
Articles charged in this Act on hand and valued at Cost to wit		
Horses Harness & Carts		3106.50
Shovels & forks		34.00
There is charged in the above exhibit the expences of driving the bell Carts amts to		363.75
which sum is justly Chargeable to Act of feeding swine near New Alms House		
Also forage for 5 horses employed in Bell Carts		180.
Brooms furnished Ward Inspectors		41.40
And for the following deposits of sand & refuse in the Corp Dock to wit Broome Barrow & Christopher Sts say May 4140 loads June 1820 July 1380 making together 7340 C Loads @ 9ct		660.
Balance		454.16
		$4840.41

New York 31 July 1826
Jno M Bloodgood Superdt of Streets

[244] The Committee on Lands & Places on a statement handed them by the Superintendant of Repairs respecting Battery Walls &c presented the following Report

The Committee on Lands & Places respectfully Report

That the annexed statement has been handed to them, by the Superintendant of Repairs, and the Committee are of the opinion that the subject ought to receive the early attention of this Board, The statement is as follows

Mr Jacob P Roome

Sir we the undersigned have examined, and find that certain parts of the Battery wall are very much exposed and want additional Stone to be thrown on the reef in front; to protect the wall, the foundation in some parts is exposed to view—This ought to be attended to immediately and we beg you to lay it before some Committee of the Board in order that necessary measures may be taken

I concur in the above statement Gideon Tucker
J. P. Roome Super Repairs Thomas T Woodruff

With intent to carry into effect the views of the Superintendant of Repairs the Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a sufficient quantity of Stone to be thrown on the reef in front of the Battery Wall to protect the place from injury, and that the same be done under [245] the direction of the Committee on Lands & Places

Thomas Bolton
P C Van Wyck
Signed Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in King street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well & Pump in King street between McDougall and Varrick streets Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners should be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Stuart F Randolph Aldm
P W Engs Asst
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Counsel presented the following in relation to a request from Beekman Van Beuren

The Counsel respectfully represents that application has been made to him to have the usual satisfaction entered of record, on a Judgment obtained [246] in the Supreme Court on the 11th January 1822 in favor of the Corporation by the then Counsel of the Board against Beekman M Van Beuren for the sum of $404 $^{8}/_{100}$

The Comptroller states that the said Judgment is settled, and that there are no subsisting claims against the Defendant—Under these circumstances the propriety of authorising an acknowledgment of satisfaction in the usual manner is respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to enter a satisfaction upon said Judgment

The Counsel reported that the Supreme Court at the August term had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment on the opening Second street from the Bowery to North street Third street from the Bowery to the East River Christopher Street from Washington street to West street—Which was referred to the Street Committee—Also that the Reports of the Commissioners for opening Slote lane Garden street & Exchange street were confirmed Whereupon it was Resolved that the same be carried into effect and the incumbrances in the Street removed in 30 days & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of them

The Counsel presented the following on Mr Bloodgoods resignation as Commissioner for opening 10th Street

The Counsel respectfully Reports that Mr Abraham Bloodgood (who was appointed by the Supreme Court at the late August term one of the [247] Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of opening Tenth street from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue) being an executor and trustee of the Estate of the late John Wells, which will be affected by the proceedings in this matter, has declined acting as a Commissioner of Estimate & Assessment in the premises The Counsel has therefore prepared and submits for execution herewith the usual Petition to the Chief Justice for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment to supply the place of Mr Bloodgood

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Petition was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel presented the following with a Lease to Geo: Lovett

The Counsel respectfully presents for execution a Lease to George Lovett for forty years of nine Lots of ground situate in the former Ninth Ward of this City on the second Avenue near One hundred & seventeenth street which Lots were on the 5th day of November 1823 sold to George Lovett for non payment of Taxes, and not having been redeemed within the two years allowed by Law for that purpose the purchaser has become entitled to his Lease for the same—The leas[e] has accordingly been made out by direction of the Street Commissioner

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be duly executed

[248] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents for widening Pearl street at Coenties Slip—Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Noah Jarvis to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in King street which was passed and Abm Dally Cornelius McLean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Great Jones street and John Targee Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving West street from Dey street to Cedar street and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy & Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating La Fayette Place and Abraham Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

Also For paving Charles street and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith and John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

Also for regulating the 6th Avenue from Greenwich lane to 13th Street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

[249] Also for regulating Greenwich Lane from 6th Avenue to 13th Street and John Targee Abm Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

Also for paving the side walk in Thompson street from Broome to Prince street and Samuel St John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

Also for paving Amity street and John Trout David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were passed and Collectors appointed thereto—Viz

For a Well & Pump in Hudson street near Chamber street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for regulating and Paving Wooster street from Bleecker to 4th Street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for regulating and Paving Christopher Street from Hudson to Assylum street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for a Well & Pump in Cliff street near Fulton Street & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

[250] Also for a Well & Pump in Charles street near Hudson street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for pitching & paving McDougal from 4th to 6th street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner respecting Cherry street as follows

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that in regulating and paving Montgomery street it becomes necessary to reduce Cherry street where it intersects that street about two feet—and which will also produce the necessity of repaving Cherry street between Gouverneur street and a considerable distance westerly of Montgomery street

The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that an Ordinance be passed to reduce and repave so much of Cherry street as lies between Gouverneur street and Clinton street as may be necessary to conform to the regulation of Montgomery street

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves St Comr

Which was approved and an Ordinance was passed for repaving Cherry street between Clinton & Gouverneur street and John Slidell Abm Le Foy & Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

A Communication from the Street [251] Commissioner respecting McDougal street stating that a part of the street was still unpaved was read and referred to the Street Committee

The City Inspector presented a Report respecting Lots on Greene street which was adopted and an Ordinance passed in conformity thereto

The City Inspector presented a Report respecting Lots fronting on Grand & Wooster streets which was adopted and an Ordinance passed agreeably thereto

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for Correction of Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

No	1. R Tillotson	Owner	Rivington St	A Lot
	2 T[s] Gardner	do	Norfolk St	do
	3. W Hicks	do	Cherry St	do
	4. S[l] Jones	do	Amity St	do
	5. Do	do	do	do
	6. D[d] S Jones	do	do	do
	7. Do	do	do	do
	8. William Jones	do	do	do
	9. Do	do	do	do
	10. Th[s] Jones	do	do	do
	11. Do	do	do	do
	12. Elb[t] H Jones	do	do	do
	13. M Marx	do	do	do
	14.[252] Do	do	do	do
	15. Ch[s] W Sandford	do	do	do
	16 J Lucas	do	Herring St	do
	17. E Terrill	do	Minetto St	do
	18. J Richee	do	Lewis St	do
	19. Ch[s] OConner	do	Bancker St	do
	20. E Duryea	do	do	do
	21. P Barry	do	Do	do
	22. L Pittman	do	do	do
	23. S Collister	do	Renwick St	do
	24. J Van Winkle	do	do	do
	25. J R Livingston	do	Lewis St	do
	26. P Halsted	do	Rivington St	do
	27. T[s] Storm	do	South St	do
	28. do	do	do	do
	29. J F Depeyster	do	Crossby St	do
	30. William Butler	do	do	do
	31. Th[o] Carter	do	Pearl St	do
	32. M Ludlow	do	Hudson St	do
	33. R Schuyler	do	Broadway	do
	34. G Suckley	do	do	do
	35. D S Jones	do	Fourth St	do
	36. R[d] Riker	do	Stanton St	do
	37. John C Luff	Lessee	Orchard St	do
	38. D S Jones	Owner	Minetto St	do
	39. T Parker	do	Charlton St	do
	40. P Colyer	do	Lewis St	do
	41. P Lorillard	do	Laurens St	do
	42. J. B Taylor	do	Fourth St	do
	43. R T Bonnell	do	Fifth St	do
	44. [253] F Devoe	do	Charlton St	do

45.	J Mullany	Owner	Warren St	A Lot
46.	D Reeves	do	Lewis St	do
47.	H Eckford	do	Cannon St	do
48	H A Vedda	do	do	do
49.	F H Fitch	do	do	do
50	N Brown	do	Columbia St	do
51.	H Webb	do	do	do
52	J Nelson	do	Canal St	do
53	D Goldsmith	do	Grand St	do
54	do	do	do	A privy

Which were passed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies and Resignations

Fire Engine Co

No 1

Benjamin Abrahams Carpenter, Renwick near Canal St

Vc William Falconer Resigned

No 4

George W Brown Sail Maker, Barclay St

Vc Joseph B Weeden—Resigned

No 5

Daniel C Pentz Cooper Roosevelt St

Vc Louis Victor Ferry—Resigned

No 7

Christopher C Bennett.....Resigned
Francis J Kelso..... Resigned

[254] No 8

Walter Florentine.....Resigned
William Gosper.....Resigned

No 12

John F Mason—Grocer Cor Frankfort & Van Dewater St

Vc Henry Van Winkle Resigned

William Johnson Sadler 121 Bancker St

Vc Rowland H Gardner Time Expired

No 15

George Feeks.....Resigned
William A Wallace.....Resigned

N° 18

Hezekiah Bunce Hatter 360 Pearl S^t^
V^c^ Thomas W Jenkins—Time expired

N° 19

William Miller—Carpenter 125 Chatham S^t^
V^c^ William Mathews—Time Expired

N° 20

Thomas West Carpenter Perry S^t^ V^c^ John F Havens—Resigned

N° 22

William Trumper—Resigned
Benjamin Farrington—Resigned

N° 23

Joseph Keen—Cartman 3 Chesnut S^t^
V^c^ Charles M Holmes—Resigned
Jacob Smith—Resigned

N° 26

William Concklin Rigger 182 Bancker S^t^
V^c^ Stephen Cook—Resigned

[255] N° 29

John Wendover—Carpenter Christopher S^t^
V^c^ John Green—Appointed Warden

N° 32

Thomas M^c^Intyre—Chair Maker 383 Grand Street
V^c^ James Strickland—Time Expired
Henry Odell—Carpenter 88 Chrystie S^t^
V^c^ John Milderberger—Resigned
John Knapp—Carpenter 51 Norfolk S^t^
V^c^ Casper O Dusenberry—Resigned

N° 36

Jonothan Fox—Blacksmith 28 Desbrosses S^t^
V^c^ John Hunt—Resigned

N° 42

Samuel Ervin—Tobacconist 63 Market S^t^
V^c^ William Johnson—Resigned
Daniel C. *Pence* [Pentz]—Resigned
Joseph Keen —Resigned
Jacob Becker —Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Co

No 1

Gideon De Angelis Accountant 61 Nassau St

Vc Francis Spier—Resigned

No 3

Danel G Van Winkle Builder 140 Greene St

Vc Peter Wanmaker—Resigned

Fire Hose Company

No 1

David Judson—Merchant 272 Pearl St

Vc Elisha C Barker—Resigned

[256] Fire Engine Co No 45 at York ville

Miln Parker	Coach Maker	York Ville
Samuel M Parker	Carpenter	3d Avenue
Daniel McGraw	Wheeler	83d St
John Harrington	Coach Trimmer	83d St
John McGraw	Painter	83d St
Meline Day	Painter	83d St
Smith Hicks	Coach Maker	3d Avenue
Aaron R Bartram	Waggon Maker	83d Street
Elanson S Booth	Waggon Maker	83d Street
Thomas Hine	Waggon Maker	83d Street
Merit Riggs	Waggon Maker	83d Street
Allen Ross	Coach Trimmer	83d Street
Henry Ward	Black smith	83d Street
Phillip Vermillia	Black smith	83d Street
Alexander Parker	Cabinet Maker	York ville
Benjamin Archy	Harness Maker	83d St

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was laid on the Table

Resolved that the Auctioneer to this Board receive a Salary not exceeding Dollars per Annum

The Board then proceeded to the appointment of Auctioneer to the Corporation by Ballot when John P Dieterich was chosen—It was Resolved that John P Dieterich be and he is hereby appointed Auctioneer to the Corporation

[257] Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

[261] In Common Council 25th September *1825* [1826]

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
1st John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
2 Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
3. Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
4. John Agnew	John Hitchcock
5. Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
6. Mathew Reed	John Lozier
7. Jameson Cox	William S Coe
8. Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
9. Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
10. Gideon Ostrander	Abraham M Valentine
11	Lemuel Pittman
12.	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Communication was received from Henry Remsen objecting to the proposed alterations of the name of Bancker street to that of Rose street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jacob Beekman praying to be appointed a Guager for the City & County of New York [262] was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Thomas Storm praying that the directions given for filling in or flooring his Cellar No 27 South street may be dispensed with was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward

A Petition of E Tibbitts & B Seaman and others to repave Beaver Lane together with the side Walks was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Sebastian Regnard for permission to remain some time longer in his house corner of Garden and William street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward with powers

A Petition of Francis Thompson and Nephews & others praying that the Corporation would use their influence to procure a repeal of the Law requiring them to give bonds for Alien Passengers was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of John S Boker to have his Assessment on his personal property reduced was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Punderson Bartow to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Harlaem was read and referred to the Committee on Application for Office

[263] A Remonstrance of a number of persons against the passing of a Law to prevent Rafts of Timber lying below 20th Street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Peter A Jay & others to have Elm street opened and continued to Chamber street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William Shelton for transfer of Stall N° 1 Grand Street Market formerly occupied by the Widow of the late William Degraw was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas Sibert for an extension of time for the payment due for his stall in Essex Market was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a Well & Pump corner of Oak & Roosevelt Streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Asa Clark and others for a Pump corner of First & North street near Avenue C was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward

A Petition of Joseph Keeley for the appointment of Keeper of the Park was read and [264] referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Petition of John Pulis and others for a Well and Pump in Laurens between Houston and Bleecker street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward

A Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Public School Society against the proposed alterations of the Northerly line of Burrows street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William Patton and others for a Well & Pump in Mulbery street corner of Bleecker street at the expence of the owners of property was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward

A Petition of James Wilson & others for a Well & Pump at the Corner of Hammond Street & Greenwich Lane was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward

A Petition of C M Graham Thomas Morton and others to have 12th Street opened from Broadway to the 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Recommendation of a number of Persons in favor of Joseph

Horn to be appointed an [265] Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Paul J [T] Taber to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance of a number of persons against locating a Market at the foot of Canal street was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John P Aimes for Stall N° 5 Washington Market formerly occupied by William Ponsford was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Samuel Westervelt to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Thomas Rich Jun^{r} for remission of a fine incurred by a violation of the Interment Law was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of Alexander Anthony for transfer of stand N° 13 Catherine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants against the contemplated opening of [266] Burrows street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Robert Ferguson to have an advance on Account of filling in streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Charles Oakley & others to have the side walks of part of Varick & Herring street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of David J Hubbs for the Office of City Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Joel Post to purchase a piece of ground corner of Garden & William streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William E Ross & others praying that the expence of repaving Broadway may be Assessed on the City was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William E Ross on behalf of George Richmond for the refunding of an Assessment was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Mayor laid before the Board the Counterpart of a Lease of the Rector Wardens &c of the [267] Trinity Church to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York for a piece of Ground on the North west corner of S^{t} Pauls Church Yard for the

purpose of erecting thereon a Fire Engine House was referred to the Counsel to be executed during the recess of the Board if Correct

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for regulating & paving Scammel Street from Harman to Cherry street was read and referred to the Street Committee

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with a subpena issuing out of Chancery at the suit of Daniel Crommelin Ver Plank against the Mayor Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York returnable on the day of Whereupon the Counsel was directed to enter an appearance in the suit and defend the same

A Petition of Charles Coles respecting being prevented from paving part of Columbia street for the want of the proper Level praying compensation for loss of Interest was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Jenkins to be Licenced as a Butcher for the Stall N° 37 Fulton Market formerly occupied by Andrew Smock was read and referred to the Market Committee

[268] A Petition of William Warner for remission of Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Report was received from E Doughty one of the City Surveyors on the Plans of the Commissioners &c was read and laid on the Table it was afterward called up & directed to be printed

The Committee of the Board of Supervisors to whom was referred the subject of Compensation to be allowed to the Collectors of Taxes presented the following report

The Committee of the Board of Supervisors to whom was referred the subject of compensation to be allowed to the Collectors of Taxes in the several Wards (who are to be elected at the ensuing Election) beg leave most respectfully to report

That your Committee have duly considered the subject referred to them: and submit to the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Collectors of Taxes be allowed the following compensation on the amount assessed in their respective Wards

First Ward	¾	per Cent
Second	2⅝	"
Third	3¼	"
Fourth	3⅝	"
Fifth	4½	"
[269] Sixth	4⅜	"
Seventh	6⅝	"

Eighth	4¼	per Cent
Ninth	6⅛	"
Tenth	6¼	"
Eleventh	9	"
Twelfth	12	"

Resolved that the Collectors of Taxes be authorised to retain the per centage fixed by the preceeding Resolution as well on the sums Collected in the several Wards and paid into the City Treasury as on the amount of Taxes which may be remitted by the Common Council

Resolved that in consequence of the repeal of the State Tax your Committee are of opinion it would be just and equitable so to alter the Tariff allowed by the Committee of Finance in September 1825 as to make the compensation of the several Collectors of Taxes for the present year as follows

First Ward	¾	pr cent
Second	2⅝	"
Third	3¼	"
Fourth	3⅜	"
Fifth	4½	"
Sixth	4⅜	"
Seventh	6⅝	"
Eighth	4½	"
Ninth	6⅛	"
Tenth	6¼	"
Eleventh	9	"
Twelfth	12	"

[270] All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Law & Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Complaint respecting the Williamsburgh Ferry presented the following Report

The Law & Ferry Committees & Counsel of the Board to whom the complaints respecting the Williamsburgh Ferry were referred— Respectfully Report

That they have met & heard the parties, and are of opinion that there is good cause of complaint against the Ferry and that the facts are such as might probably result in a forfieture of the Lease upon purs[u]ing the necessary legal steps for that purpose

Since the Meeting of the Committees the annexed proposition has been received which is submitted to the Consideration of the Board

and your Committee beg leave to defer any further Report until this proposition is disposed of

P. C. Van Wyck
Thos Bolton
John Yates Cebra
Wm W Mott
Effingham Schieffelin
M Ulshoeffer

The Proposition was as follows

[271] "The Ferry Company will stipulate to put a good and sufficient Steam Boat on the Ferry on or before the tenth day of October next under the penalty of surrendering the Lease and all the rights and advantages thereof without reserve to the Corporation & further under the like penalty to put a second boat on the Ferry on or before the first day of May next"

The Report was referred back together with the proposition—with powers

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John B Smith for permission to transfer his Stall No 16 Centre Market presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition *Petition* of John P Smith for permission to transfer his Stall No 16 Centre Market to his son William A D Smith respectfully Report—That the Petitioner is advanced in years and is in bad health, and his son to whom he wishes to transfer his stall is now in partnership with him, And is well recommended—Your Committee think the transfer ought to be allowed and submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted

Mth Reed
John Yates Cebra
Abm M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[272] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Messerve for Stall No 16 Fulton Market presented the following report in favor of the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of George Messerve for Stall No 16 Fulton Market Report that said Stall was lately the property of his Father George Messerve Decd and that the Petitioner is a good Butcher and in the opinion of your Com-

mittee the transfer ought to be made and respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Signed Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Varick & Ephraim B Bolander to exchange their Stalls presented the following report in favor of the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Varick now holding Stall N° 3 and Ephraim B Bolander holding Stall N° 10 both in Grand street Market for permission to exchange Stalls respectfully report

That in the opinion of your Committee no evil can result from allowing such a measure [273] and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Signed Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump near the intersection of Broome & Chrystie streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition for a Well and Pump near the intersection of Broome with Chrystie Street Report that a Well is much wanted in that vicinity and accordingly they recommend the following resolution for adoption

Resolved that a Well be dug and a Pump erected therein near the intersection of Broome and Chrystie street

Gideon Ostrander
Ab^m^ M Valentine
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of M^r^ Lozier of the 4^th^ of [274] August last that the sunken parts of

the Kennel in Collect street be repaired &c presented a Report which was referred to the Street Commissioners with authority

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report and proceedings of James Renwick Joseph G Swift and Robert Adrain Commissioners presented a Report which was laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board and the Street Commissioner to advertise for objections

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of taking order as to the disposition of certain pieces of land presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of taking order as to the disposition of certain pieces of land, vested in the Corporation by the opening of 13th Street and closing parts of Greenwich Lane and the great Kill Road and also for the opening of La Fayette place respectfully report—That by the opening of 13th Street and closing the Kill Road a piece of land containing 11424 square feet and situate on the Northerly corner of 8th Avenue and 13th Street in front of property belonging to the Heirs of Cornelia T Genet is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $3574 81/100 also a piece of land containing 7615 Square feet and situate at the Easterly corner of 8th Avenue and 13th Street in front [275] of property belonging to John Rogers is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $2276 17/100 also a piece of land containing 148 square feet adjoining the one last mentioned and in front of land belonging to Peter Burns is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $45, 1%100—they further ask leave to report that by the opening of La Fayette place a peice of land containing 29 square feet and situate at the corner of Art street and Lafayette Place adjoining the land of John J Astor is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $15.84/100 also a piece of land containing 384 square feet at the Corner of 4th Street & La Fayette Place and adjoining to the land of John Mason is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $203 1%100 and also a small piece of land containing 9 Square feet and adjoining the land of William Jones is valued to the Corporation at the sum of $4 7%100

Your Committee are of opinion that it would be just and equitable to dispose of the lands in question to the persons in front of whose lands they lie and for the sums at which they respectively are valued to the Common Council they therefore ask leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the heirs of Cornelia T Genet, John Rogers Peter Burns John J Astor John Mason and William Jones be permitted to

purchase from the Common Council the pieces of land mentioned in the preceeding report and for the sums respectively therein stated provided such purchase [276] be completed and the consideration paid within 30 days and Provided all expences of Conveyance &c be borne by the said parties

All which is respectfully submitted

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Owners of Property on West Street between Dey & Liberty streets presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of property on West Street between Dey Street and Liberty street praying that West street may be continued on a straight line from the Northerly side of Dey street to the Southerly side of Liberty street—Report that they are of the opinion that it would add much to the uniformity of that street by straightining it agreeably to the request of the Petitioners as the Angle now formed at Courtlandt Street would be divided and rendered so small as to be hardly preceptible Your Committee accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that West street be improved by continuing a straight line from the Northerly side of Dey street to the southerly [277] side of Liberty street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Resolution for paving the Side walks of Mulberry street between Spring & Prince street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for paving the Side Walks of Mulberry street between Spring & Prince street Report that in their opinion the walk of that street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Side Walks of Mulberry street be paved from Spring street to Prince street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have Theatre Alley paved presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have Theatre Alley [278] repaved Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Theatre Alley be repaved throughout

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving Bancker street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for paving Bancker street from Jefferson street to Grand Street—Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Bancker street be regulated and paved from Jefferson street to Grand street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Cannon Street paved [279] presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Cannon street paved from Stanton to North Street—Report that in their opinion the same ought to be done and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Cannon Street be regulated and paved from Stanton street to North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White
Signed William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have a Block in Amity street paved presented the following Report against

The Street Committee on the Petition of sundry owners of the property on Amity Street for permission to Pave a Block in that Street Report that in their Opinion it would be inexpedient to grant the permission inasmuch as Estimates have been received to pave the whole of that Street by one Contract and that it will interfere with the usual manner of paving streets the[y] accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of [280] the Petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William D Blackwell to let his fence remain up some time in Howard street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of W^{m} D Blackwell for permission to let a fence which at present encroaches on Howard street remain thereon until the first day of May next Report that inasmuch as the premises of M^{r} Blackwell are under lease until the first day of May next your Committee are of the opinion the request of the Petitioner ought to be granted on the express condition that the fence be removed immediately after the first day of May next and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the fence of W^{m} D Blackwell on Howard street be removed therefrom on the first day of May next

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

[281] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel of the Board relating to the opening of Avenue B and Christopher street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel to this Board relating to the opening of Avenue B, Christopher street Second street and Third street Report that so far as said report relates to the opening of Avenue B and Christopher street your Committee recommend that they be opened on the first day of October next and that the Buildings and other obstructions be removed therefrom within Twenty days thereafter and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Avenue B and Christopher street be opened on the first day of October next and the buildings and other Obstructions be removed therefrom within twenty days thereafter

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of John C Morrison & others for permission to dig out and regulate Hudson street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee on the Petition of John C Morrison Thomas Kane and Henry Gahn for [282] permission to dig out and regulate Hudson street and the Kill Road in front of their premises Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the regulation be completed on or before the first day of February next

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the State of McDougal street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed communication from the Street Commissioner respecting the State of

McDougal street and recommending that the same be paved Report that in their opinion the paving of that Street is required and ought to be carried into effect Accordingly they submit the following Resolution—Resolved that McDougal street be regulated and paved from Bleecker street to Fourth street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[283] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Persons to have the side Walks of Green street paved presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry persons to have the side walks of Greene street paved from Prince street to Houston street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Greene street be paved between Prince street and Houston street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of laying Cross walks in Cherry street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for laying Cross walks in Cherry street between Catherine street and Rutgers street Report that in their opinion walks are highly nececessary in that street and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Cross walks [284] be laid in Cherry street between Catherine Market and Rutgers street

Jacob M Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Signed Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for regulating and Paving First street presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Wooster street presented the following Report in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well and Pump in Wooster street between Bleecker street and Amity street Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[285] The Counsel presented an Answer in Chancery at the suit of John Jacob Astor relative to the sum awarded to Timothy Madden for his damage on the opening of La Fayette Place—Which was directed to be authenticated during the recess of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments

The Street Commissioner herewith presents returns of delinquents on sundry Assessments Viz[t]

For regulating and paving Thompson street from Bleecker street to 4[th] Street

For Building Public Cisterns in front of the Methodist Church in Allen street

For building Public Cisterns at Essex Market in Grand street

Also for building Public Cisterns in front of S[t] Thomas Church in Broadway and Houston street—in order that Warrants may issue thereon to Morris D Camp the Collector

Respectfully submitted
R Graves S[t] Com[r]

Whereupon Warrants were directed to be issued to Morris D Camp to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed viz[t]

For Paving Bancker street from Walnut to Grand street and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

[286] For repaving Water street from Broad street to White Hall street and Morris D Camp was appointed Collector

For repairing Moore street from Pearl to Front street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Ridge street near Broome Street & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Cherry street near Corlaers street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in 5th Street near the 2d Avenue & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in Christopher street near Hudson street & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in 6th Street near Broadway & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in Division street near Attorney street which had been referred back to the Assessors and was now reported as revised and corrected and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

The following Communication was received from the Street Commissioner vizt

The Street Commissioner respectfully suggest to the Honbl the Common Council the [287] necessity of regulating and paving that part of Broadway lying between Art street and 10th Street for the following reasons—the regulation of 8th Street where it intersects Broadway is about four feet below that street and as the descent of 8th Street is from the Bowery and across Broadway to the Sixth Avenue hence the necessity of reducing & paving Broadway to 10th street in accordance with the foregoing the Street Commissioner has prepared the draft of an Ordinance in order that the same may be carried into effect

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves St Comr

Which was approved and an Ordinance directed to be reported

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors were appointed thereto Vizt

For Regulating & paving Broadway between Art street & 10th Street and John Targee Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For laying the Side walks of Mulberry street from Sp[r]ing street to Prince street & John W Wyman Cary Dunn & John McKesson were appointed Assessors

For repaving Theatre Alley and William Torry Alexr Coffin & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

[288] For laying Cross walks in Cherry street between Catherine street & Rutgers street and Samuel St John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

For a Well & Pump in Chrystie street between Broome & Grand street & John Slidell Abraham Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For Regulating & Paving Bancker street from Jefferson to Grand street & John Targee Abraham Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

For Paving Cannon street from Stanton to North street and Abraham Dally Cornelius McLean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Wooster street between Bleecker & Amity street & Reuben Munson Edmund Smith & John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For paving the side Walks of Greene street from Prince to Houston street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

[289] For paving McDougall street from Bleecker to Fourth street and John Towt David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For paving the side walks of Willett street and John Brower Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

No 1	A S Pell	Owner	Fourth Street	A Lot
2.	G. W Livingston	do	Amity Lane	do
3.	E W Dunham	Occupt	26 South St	do
4.	J Mason	owner	Broadway	do
5.	E Warner	do	Carmine St	do
6.	D S Jones	do	do	do

Geo: Cuming Cy Inspector

Which were passed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer [certifying the vacancies] and Resignations Accepted Viz[t]

Fire Engine N° 2

John Weeden Carver 55 Orchard S[t] V[c] Henry Kipp Resigned
Philander P Holcomb do
Burtis Banks do
Benj[n] Fuller do

[290] N° 5

William F Hopson—Accountant N° 24 Van Dewater S[t]
V[c] Francis Ferry—Resigned

N° 6

Daniel Thorne Carpenter Reed S[t]
V[c] Thomas Palmer—Time Expired
Barnard Van Blarcom Mason Provoost S[t]
V° James Donaldson Time Expired
Robert Barr Carpenter Reed S[t] V[c] John Gallagher—Resigned

N° 29

Harry Wood—Carpenter M[c]Dougall & Van Dam S[t]
V[c] Jacob Morris—Resigned
Elias Mowatt—Merchant Carmine & Henry S[t]
V° Henry Hutchinson Resigned
Edward Worden—Carpenter Jones near Herring S[t]
V[c] Samuel Gunton App[d] Warden

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Taylor and agreed to

Resolved that the subject of opening Sixth street be referred to the Street Committee to enquire and report their opinion thereon

M[r] Engs presented the following—Whereas it appears that the Board of Health of this City is not legally constituted inasmuch as they have not been appointed by this Common Council as required by the Statute therefore—Resolved that John Yates Cebra, Samuel Gilford Jun[r] Campbell P White [291] John Agnew Anthony Lamb Matthew Reed Jameson Cox Stuart F Randolph Jacob B Taylor Gideon Ostrander William P Rathbone & William A Davis be and they are hereby appointed to constitute together with the Mayor & Recorder the Board of Health of the City Which was referred to the Law Committee

M[r] Van Wyck presented the following Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to enquire and report upon the propriety of subjecting acommodation Coaches plying for hire within the City &

County of New York to take out Licences and to conform to other necessary regulations

Which was referred accordingly to the Police Committee

Alderman White presented the following which was adopted— Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Finance Committee for One thousand dollars to defray the expences of sweeping the intersections of Streets and the Public Grounds in the Several Wards

Alderman White presented the following which was agreed to— Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Committee appointed to receive the Boston Light Infantry for Four hundred Dollars

Alderman White presented the following which was agreed to— Resolved that the Committee [292] on the Canal Celebration be instructed to present to the Honorable the Judges of the Court for the correction of Errors a Copy of Mr Coldens Memoir on the New York Canals, as a tribute of respect entertained for them by the Common Council of the City of New York

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Courtlandt street from Broadway to the Hudson River be repaved

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Market Committee

Resolved that the Market Committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of appropriating one of the Fire Engines (which may be considered by the Chief Engineer as unfit for the public service) for the use of the several Markets in this City

Alderman White presented the following which was adopted— Resolved that the Street Commissioner report to this Board at their next meeting the Streets or parts of Streets which have been paved or repaved since adoption of the Ordinance of 1824

The Report of the Special Committee on Gas which was laid for consideration on the 29th June last was now Called up and after some discussion was referred back to the Special Committee on Gas the Law Committee & Counsel of the Board

[293] Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Special Committee on Rules & Orders

Resolved that the Special Committee on Rules & Orders should embrace in their Enquiry the expediency of adding to the present standing Committees one on the Alms House

Alderman White presented the following which was referred to the Finance Committee—Resolved that the Accounts of the Committee on the Canal Celebration be referred to the Finance Committee for examination and that they report thereon at the next Meeting of the Board

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Counsel to Report such modification of the Law in relation to Hackney Coaches as shall provide that Hackney Coaches not making use of the Public stands shall not be required to be numbered in the manner prescribed by Law

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Public Offices to report upon the expediency of Making such addition to the salary of the Keeper of the City Hall as shall seem proper

[294] Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to report upon the expediency of appointing an Inspector of Hay in bundles

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution

Resolved that it be referred to the Chief Engineer to report on the expediency of increasing the number of Fire Company No 35 to twelve men—Which was referred accordingly to the Chief Engineer

Alderman Lamb presented the following Resolution—Resolved that a Well & Pump be placed in Jay street between Staple & Greenwich streets and that the Pump at present in Jay street near the corner of Staple Street be removed—Was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward & Street Commissioner

Mr Valentine presented A Law which was passed under the title of "A Law to amend the 33d Section of the Law entitled A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate the paving & keeping in repair, and to prevent obstructions in the Streets in the City of New York" which was directed to be printed

[295] The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Account 11th Inst	22.06
Recd for Taxes of 1825	4843.44
" Rents	3931.56
" Streets	3905.44
" Tavern Licences	1000.
" Fines &c of Attorney	218.11

Rec^{d} for Commutation Alien Passengers		190.
" Mayoralty Fees		91.25
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorized 30 Jan^{y}		4800.
		$19.001.86

31 Accounts Audited & ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1st Dist	1233.75	
Hibbard & Clark do 2^{d} do	841.75	
Stagg & Bleakly do 3^{d} do	768.25	
Isaac Van Benscoten Watchman wounded on duty	100.	
Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qu^{r} Salary 22^{d} Inst ferriage &c	253.50	
John W Timson sunday Service 11th Ward 27 days to 1 Inst	40.50	
Jedediah Thomas do do	40.50	
Commercial Advertiser Subscription 6 Mo 10 Inst	50.	
A J W Butler posting bills	5.	
Mrs Gordon 9th Ward for a hog—order'd by Com^{te} on Charity	10.	
Ann Bennett do " "	10.	
Mary Decker 7th Ward do " "	10.	
Ab^{m} Leggett work Mud scow 12 days 24th Inst	167.59	
J Williams filling Lots between Broadway & Mercer St Estate of Depeyster Lien	220.20	
Owen Smith filling Lots cor Cath & Bancker St Lien	31.	
H Smith Act^{t} reg & pav Lombardy St from Clinton to Grand St	1000.	
[296] Estate of A H Mooney Act reg & pav Thompson St f^{m} Bleecker to 4th St	850.	
C Coles Act^{t} reg & pav Governeur St f^{m} Division to Cherry St	500.	
T Cummings Act^{t} pav Christopher St f^{m} Washington to Hudson St	150.	
T Cummings Act^{t} pav Cornelia St f^{m} Herring to Ludlows line	120.	
J Anderson 3^{d} pay^{t} build^{g} Piers at Walnut St Slip	700.	
Ab^{m} Storms 2^{d} Install^{t} build^{g} Piers at Chamber St	1342.50	
G Lovett Act^{t} build^{g} Bulk head Duane Basin	1500.	
Ab^{m} Storms 2^{d} Instal^{t} build^{g} Piers Duane Basin	3118.50	
J Gallagher Jun^{r} 1st pay^{t} Well Ludlow near Delancy St	57.75	
J Gallagher Jun^{r} 1st pay^{t} Well Allen near Rivington	61.75	
J Gallagher Sen^{r} 1st pay^{t} Well Lombardy n Scammel St	78.43	
R Pettigrew build^{g} Well Green n Spring St	96.	
R Pettigrew for Well Mulberry n Chatham St	103.50	
R Graves St Com^{r} Acc^{t} Repairs Roads	500.	
A Burtis Super Alms House	5000.	18.960.47
	Balance	$41.93

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[298] In Common Council 9 October 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Jun[r]	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	Henry Arcularius
Anthony Lamb	John Lozier
Mathew Reed	William S Coe
Jameson Cox	Philip W Engs
Stuart F Randolph	John R Peters
Jacob B Taylor	Ab[m] S Valentine
Gideon Ostrander	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition and Remonstrance of Thomas Gilbert respecting his property at the Corner of Bedford and Burrows street suggesting that an alteration of the line of the Street has been made on a Map made by Charles Loss in the Street Commissioners Office whereby the property of Petitioner will be materially injured and praying relief which was read and referred to the Street Committee

[299] A Petition of the New York Historical Society praying for an extension of their Lease was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of James Swords and a number of others against removing the Pump at the corner of Cedar street and Broadway was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1[st] Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Daniel Lane to fix the line of Reason Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for paving Elizabeth street from Prince to Bleecker street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Charles Henry Hall to have Houston street paved from Broadway to Crosby street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants to have the houses in Crossby street numbered was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with powers

A Petition of sundry persons Wood Inspectors praying an amendment of the Law so that all Firewood brought to the City for sale be sold by the [300] Load was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of sundry persons to have the vacant Lots in the 9th Ward enclosed with fence Vizt on 4th 6th and Macdougal Streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward

A Remonstrance of sundry persons, owners of property against building Canals in 6th 9th & 14th Streets and praying that the ground be filled up to convey the water over the surface was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Inhabitants of Manhattanville to have a Drain or Sewer constructed at the intersection of Manhattan Street & Bloomingdale Road was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of David Perrin to have the transfer of Stall No 7 Grand Street Market now in possession of Stephen Doan who petitions to transfer the same to Petitioner was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas McGuire for the remission of a fine incurred for driving a Carriage without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of [301] Owners & Lessees of property against the opening of Elm street to Chamber street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Jane Gibson and John Ross to be paid for damage done by a freshet corner of Herring Carmine & Minetto Streets was read and referred to the City Inspector to report a state of facts &c

A Petition of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company praying leave to build two small Ferry houses at the foot of Grand Street for the accommodation of passengers was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 10th & 7th Wards & Street Commissioner with Powers

A Petition of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company to have the lower part of Grand street leading to the Ferry paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of David Wagstaff for purchase of Lots No 142. 146 & 150 Common lands in the 12th Ward owned by the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of New York Literary & Philosophical Society for the renewal of Lease of rooms in the New York Institution was read & referred to the Finance Committee

[302] A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against alteration of the Law on burials and also a communication from Docr Hosack on the same subject were laid on the Table and afterward called up and referred to the Committee on Interments

A Petition of the owners of property in Whitehall street praying for the recording of a Portion of that street under the Act of 1824 to be hereafter kept in repair by the Corporation was read and Laid on the Table, was afterward called up and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the heirs of James O Faye for money paid by the Public Administrator into the City Treasury was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of James Seargent praying to be appointed Inspector of Hay in Bundles was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of the Merchants Exchange Company to occupy a part of Wall street during the time necessary to erect the Columns in front of the Building was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward and the Street Commissioner with powers

[303] A Petition of Lawrence Carroll to have two hogs restored to him which were taken by the Hog Cart was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Stephen Whitney & others for extending the Middle Pier at Conties Slip to the Permanent line was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of John Phyfe to be appointed a Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

The Petition of The Mohawk Insurance Company; stating that intending to close the concerns of the Company no bussiness has been transacted since the 1st May last they *theyfore* [therefore] do not consider the Company liable to taxation and pray relief from the Assessment thereon was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of a Committee of the Mariners Church in Roosevelt Street to be releived from an Assessment was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Catherine Went for remission of a fine incurred for carrying on the bussiness of a Pawn Broker without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

[304] A Communication from William Gowd complaining of ill conduct of the Catherine Street Ferry was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

An Invitation was received from John C & Robert L Stevens to visist the Steam Boat Newark to witness a trial of her speed &c on Thursday next at ½ past 3 OClock was read & accepted

An Invitation was received from Eugene Robertson to attend his ascension in a Balloon from Castle Garden tomorrow at 4 OClock P M was read and accepted

An Invitation was received from the New York Lyceum to visit the Institution on Wednesday at 4 OClock was read and directed to be filed

A Petition of John Baker relative to an Assessment on property in Broad street of Abraham G Egerton deceased on whose estate he is an Administrator was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Punderson Bartow to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Harlaem presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Punderson Bartow to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Harlaem in the [305] place of Genet Archer resigned, have made particular enquiry as to the Character and Qualifications of the Petitioner for that Office and find him well recommended They therefore offer the consideration of the following resolution

Resolved that Punderson Bartow be and he is hereby appointed a Weigher of Hay for the Scales situated at Harlaem in the place of Genet Archer, resigned

John Lozier
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of Bethel Baptist Church to be relieved from an Assessment presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Bethel Baptist Church to be relieved from an Assessment for the Canal street Sewer

Respectfully represent that your Committee have patiently heard the parties; from whom it appears that they are in embarrassed Circumstances and set forth that their property on the corner of Christy and Delancy street is not benefitted by said Sewer—While your Committee regret the hardness of the case on the part of the petitioners, they do not feel warranted in recommending [306] an allowance from the City Treasury—Therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

John R Peters
Stuart F Randolph
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr
Signed P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of George H Cook for reduction of a personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of George H Cook for reduction of personal Tax—Report that they are satisfied by the subjoined Certificate of the Assessors of the Fifth ward that an error was made by said Assessors and that the Petitioner was Assessed on Ten thousand instead of One thousand dollars personal property—Your Committee Respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of George H Cook for 1825 be remitted except on One Thousand dollars

John R Peters
Wm W Mott Stuart F Randolph
Samel Gilford Junr P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[307] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society of the City of New York presented a Report which was read and referred back to the Committee on Assessments

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred a Petition for a Well and Pump in Mulberry street near Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the anexed petition for a Well & Pump in Mulberry street near Bleecker street—Report their opinion by the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred a petition of sundry persons for a Well and Pump in Lawrence street between Houston & Bleecker St presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition of sundry persons for a Well & Pump [308] in Laurens Street between Houston & Bleecker Street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in Hammond street near Greenwich Lane presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well & Pump in Hammond street near Greenwich Lane—Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted—and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Special Committee on Gas the Law Committee & the Counsel of the Board to whom was referred back the Report of the Gas Committee on lighting the City with Gas presented a Report [309] which after some discussion the consideration thereof was postponed

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Shelton for Stall N° 1 Grand street Market presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition or William Shelton for Stall N° 1 Grand street Market now in the occupancy of Susan Degraw who is willing to surrender the same—Respectfully report—That William Shelton is a Professed Butcher and comes well recommended and in the opinion of your Committee the Transfer of Stall N° 1 to said Shelton would be just and proper, and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted with a Licence accordingly

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Anthony for Stall N° 13 Catherine street Market presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Alexander [310] Anthony for Stall N° 13 Catherine Market now in the occupancy of William Warlow who is willing to surrender the same respectfully Report

That Alexander Anthony is a Professed Butcher and comes well recommended and in the opinion of your Committee the transfer of Stall N° 13 to said Anthony would be just and proper, and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Licence granted Accordingly

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Jenkins for Stall N° 37 in Fulton Market presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of William Jenkins for Stall N° 37 in Fulton Market now in the occupancy of Andrew Smack who is willing to surrender the same respectfully Report

That William Jenkins is a professed Butcher and comes well recommended and in the opinion of your Committee the transfer of Stall N° 37 to said Jenkins would be just and proper [311] and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Licence granted accordingly

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
St[u]art F Randolph

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John P Aims for Stall N° 5 Washington Market presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of John P Aims for Stall N° 5 Washington Market from A Ponsford who is willing to surrender the same Respectfully report, that John P Aims is a professed Butcher and comes well recommended and in the Opinion of your Committee the transfer of Stall N° 5 to said Aims would be just and proper and respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Licence granted Accordingly

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine
Stuart F Randolph

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[312] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen Doan for permission to transfer his Stall N° 7 Grand street Market to David Perrin presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Stephen Doan for permission to transfer Stall N° 7 Grand street Market now occupied by him to David Perrin respectfully Report

That M^r^ Doan wishes to move to the Country and that David Perrin is well recommended and in the opinion of your Committee the transfer ought to be allowed and submit for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and a Licence be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Stuart F Randolph
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and a Licence directed to be given to David Perrin

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of the Committee on the Canal Celebration presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Accounts of the Committee appointed by the former Board; for celebrating the comple-

tion of the Erie Canal which unites our Meditteranean seas with the Atlantic Ocean respectfully Report [313] that they have carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers of said Committee, and find them in every respect correct; and that a Balance is now due to the Committee of the sum of 3837 $^{39}/_{100}$ Dollars

Your Committee are informed that all the important bills are finally adjusted and paid with the exception remaining unpaid for the Binding of the Canal Books and possibly some other trifling items

Your Committee think it to be their duty to bear Testimony to the ability and fidelity which the Canal Committee of the late Board: have shewn in the discharge of the duties assigned to them—the transcendent importance of this great Work to the State, and to the City; and from which we are already realizing more valuable benefits than the most sanguine of its friends could have anticipated; and which in its final accomplishment has covered our State with Glory! Has been commemorated in a manner worthy of the Occasion; and which does the highest honor to the Committee and to the Common Council from which they emenated

Your Committee in conclusion beg leave most respectfully to submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Committee for celebrating the completion of the Grand Canal for the sum of 3837 $^{39}/_{100}$ dollars

All which is [314] respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Signed Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Salary of the Clerk of the Court of Sessions presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the Common Council to enquire "if any and what addition should be made to the Salary of the Clerk of the Court of Sessions" respectfully Report

That your Committee have given the subject their utmost consideration and in the discharge of the duty assigned to them; have examined the Books and Papers in his Office and have endeavoured to ascertain the extent of his official duties: and they are of the opinion that the

present Salary is inadequate to the services of this excellent officer: which are alike satisfactory to the Court, the Bar; and the Public

And your Committee have therefore deemed it to be their duty to submit the following Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that from and after the 12th May 1826 the Salary of the Clerk of the [315] Court of Sessions shall be 2000 Dollars per Annum

All which is respectfully submitted
Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James B Clarke and Silas Butler presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James B Clarke & Silas Butler Lessees of the Walnut Street Ferry respectfully Report

That the Petitioners had agreed with the late Ferry Committee to pay an increase rent for said Ferry on the completion of certain improvements then in contemplation: but that in making out said Lease such reservation was omitted and which by the annexed document from the late Ferry Committee appears to have been clearly the understanding of the contracting parties—From the information of the Street Commissioner we are advised that said improvements were completed on the 1st August last and therefore submit the following Resolution to the Board

Resolved that the increase of Rent to be paid by the Lessees of Walnut Street Ferry be charged from and after the 1st [316] August 1826

All which is respectfully submitted
Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joel Post presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom [was] referred the Petition of Joel Post praying that he be permitted to purchase a Strip of Ground

formerly in Garden street the property of the Corporation respectfully Report

That your Committee have had the said Petition under consideration and have advised on the subject with the Street Commissioner

It appears by the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court, that the aforesaid strip of Ground has become the property of and has been valued and Estimated to the City at the sum of $3634 $^{24}/_{100}$ Dollars—And as the said property joins that of the Petitioner Your Committee are of the opinion that the same should be conveyed to him—And beg leave to submit the following Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the strip of ground on [317] the corner of William and Garden street adjoining the property of Joel Post be conveyed to him upon his paying the sum of $3634 $^{24}/_{100}$ dollars into the City Treasury together with all the expences incidental to such conveyance and that the same be authenticated in the recess of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee presented the following report on subject of borrowing &c

The Finance Committee in order to meet the expenditures and to supply the Treasury in anticipation of the City Revenue beg leave most respectfully to Report

That the Comptroller be authorised to borrow under the direction of the Finance Committee (whenever it may be deemed expedient) any sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars: at an interest not exceeding six per Cent per Annum

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton
Mth Reed

Which was Approved

[318] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Sibert praying for an extension of time for the payment of

his Stall in Essex Market presented a Report referring the subject to the Market Committee—Which was approved and it was referred accordingly to the Market Committee

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the resolution directing them to enquire as to the Salary for the Clerk in the Street Commissioners Office presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the annexed Resolution directing them to enquire at what Salary a suitable Clerk for the Street Commissioners Office can be obtained and the propriety of such Clerk being appointed by the Street Commissioner respectfully Report; That two hundred and fifty dollars will obtain a Clerk such as is required; and in their opinion the Street Commissioner and Deputy Street Commissioner are the proper persons to select such Clerk, and submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Deputy Street Commissioner be authorised to employ a Clerk in their Office, at a*s* salary not exceeding Two hundred and fifty dollars

Respectfully submitted

Samuel Gilford Jun^{r}
William W Mott
William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor
P W Engs

[319] Whereupon as an amendment thereto the following Resolution was presented and adopted—Resolved that Edwin Smith be appointed a Clerk in the Street Commissioners Office with a Salary of $250 Dollars per Annum

The Law Committee on the revision of the Laws and Ordinances presented the following Report accompanied with the draft of a Law

The Law Committee respectfully report that they have revised the Corporation Laws and Ordinances and have suggested some alterations: As it will require more time than this meeting will afford to go through with them and as most of the present Laws will expire on the 23^{d} of this month—They recommend the adoption of the annexed Ordinance

P C Van Wyck
Thomas Bolton
Effingham Schieffelin

Which was adopted and the Law passed under the Title of "A Law to continue in force the existing Laws and Ordinances of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York"

The Law Committee to whom was referred the subject of the arrest of Mr Mersereau Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County presented a Report which after some discussion was referred back to the Law Committee

[320] The Law Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Organization of the Board of Health presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom was referred a Resolution respecting the Board of Health

Respectfully Report

That by a Law of the State passed March 21, 1823 it is provided that there shall be a Board of Health in the City of New York, which Board shall consist of such persons as the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, shall from time to time nominate and Appoint to be members of the said Board"

In May 1823 The Council made an appointment of a Board of Health by an Ordinance a Copy of which is hereunto annexed. The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen were the persons Appointed

In the opinion of the Committee this is a good appointment of the persons as contemplated in the Act, And is also good as to their successors in Office

But our Ordinances, as such, expire in three years, And the Question is presented—Whether there is any Board of Health since the 12th of May 1826

It seems that, that part of this Ordinance which designates the Board is not in the nature of a Law, but is strictly speaking, an Appointment or nomination under the Authority given by the Act, And as such your Committee consider that it may stand good until it is altered by the Common Council.

To obviate any objections in future Your [321] Committee recommend that an appointment of a Board of Health be now made, and that it be made by Resolution and not in the form of an Ordinance, and thereupon submit the following Resolution

For establishing a Board of Health 9th October 1826 Resolved that the persons holding the Offices of Mayor, Recorder and Alderman of the City of New York for the time being and their successors

in Office respectively be and they are hereby nominated and appointed Members of the Board of Health in the City of New York

P C Van Wyck
Thoˢ Bolton
Effingham Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in North street near to Avenue C presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in North street near to Avenue C Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and acording submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Lemuel Pittman
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[322] The Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom [was referred] the petition of Asa Clark & others for a Well & Pump in North street near Avenue B presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in North street near to Avenue B Report that a Well is much required at that place and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Lemuel Pittman
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Oak street between Chesnut & Roosevelt Street presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Oak street between Chesnut and Roosevelt Streets—Re-

port that in their opinion the request of the petitioner ought to be granted, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

John Agnew
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[323] The Counsel presented for execution Deeds for Gores of Land sold viz[t] one to John J Astor one to John Mason—One to William Jones—one to Peter Burns & one to John Rogers—which were directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board.

The Street Commissioner agreeably to the Resolution of the Board at the last Meeting presented a Report on subject of Streets which had been paved &c which was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Ferguson for an advance of $1000, on his contract for filling up and regulating Mulberry street presented the following Report

The Street Commissioner respectfully reports on the Petition of Robert Ferguson praying for an advance of $1000, on Account of his contract for filling and regulating Mulberry street between Prince and Bleecker street—That M[r] Ferguson has by a power of Attorney assigned $1200 of the sum that may be due him when the aforesaid contract shall have been completed that in the Opinion of the Street Commissioner very little if any thing more of the work than the amount of the Assignment is as yet done and that no part of the monies will be due and payable to M[r] Ferguson or his Attorney until the work contracted for shall have been completed, and the monies collected on the Assessment to be made therefor—The Street Commissioner is of the opinion [324] that it is not advisable under all the circumstances of the Case to make the advance asked for by the Petitioner, or at least until he shall have made further progress toward the completion of his contract

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves S[t] Com[r]

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication respecting Water Lots at Walnut street included in a grant to Dominick

Lynch but which on filling up the Slip now revert to the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and assessors appointed thereto

For a Well and Pump in North street near to Avenue C and Samuel S[t] John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were Appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in North street near to Avenue B and Abraham Dally Cornelius M[c]Lean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Oak street between Roosevelt street and Chesnut street and John Brower, Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

[325] For a Well and Pump in Laurens Street between Houston & Bleecker streets and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Hammond Street near Greenwich Lane and William Torrey Alexander Coffin & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For a Well and Pump in Mulberry street near Bleecker street and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy & Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto viz[t]

For repaving Water street from Old Slip to Conties Slip & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For paving the Side walks in First street between the Bowery and the First Avenue and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Washington street between North Moore and Provoost Street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in Van Dam Street between M[c]Dougal and Varrick street and Noah Jarvis Appointed Collector

[326] For a Well and Pump in Allen street near Rivington street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Colombia street near Rivington street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For Regulating and paving Bond street from Broadway to the Bowery and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented a Report respecting sunken Lots on Herring street corner of Minetto street and the Ordinance presented therewith passed

He also presented a Repeort respecting sunken Lots on the East side of Lewis street and the Ordinance presented therewith passed

He also presented Ordinances for the Correction of Nuisances viz[t]

N° 1.	A Coddington	Owner	Herring Street	A Lot
2.	G Wright	Do	Houston S[t]	Do
3.	M B Walsh	do	Do	Do
4.	F Pell	Do	Sixth S[t]	Do
5.	A S Glass	Do	McDougall S[t]	Do
6.	J M Lawrence	Do	Broome S[t]	Do
7.	G Terrill	Do	Minetto S[t]	D°

G Cuming
City Inspector

Which were passed

[327] The Chief Engineer presented the following Report

The Chief Engineer reports on a Resolution of 25[th] Septem[r] last on increasing the Number of Men Appointed to Engine N° 35 Stationed at Harlaem, that owing to the Location their Duty is very trifling compared with those in the City, but when it is considered that there is but one Engine to protect the Village, and in case of Fire they have to attend to every part of it without Assistance from other Firemen, their Duties is very arduous in time of Fire, their present Number being but 10 he would respectfully Recommend that they be allowed 2 additional Men—He would also recommend that 2 additional men be allowed to Fire Engine Companies N° 29 & 34 & Hook & Ladder Company N° 3—And 6 additional men to Hook & Ladder Company N° 5 and that the numbers formerly allowed to Engine Companies N[os] 10. 27. 30. 32. 33. 36. 37. 40 & 41 be so reduced as to make the number of men to each Company uniform throughout the City

Additional number to be appointed to C[os]			Number to be reduced from C[os]		
	N° 35	2 Men	N° 10	2	Men
	29	2 "	27	2	do
	34	2 "	30	6	do
H & Ladder	3	2	32	1	do
	5	6	33	2	do
			36	4	do
	Total	14	37	4	do
			40	4	Do
			41	4	
			Total	29	

[328] If the above plan should be adopted the whole number of Men belonging to the Fire Department would be reduced 15 in number

Respectfully Submitted

Jameson Cox
Chief Engineer

Which was agreed to

The following were Appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies and Resignations accepted.

Fire Engine Co
No 3

William McCrea Sail Maker 36 Lumber St
Vc George Pomeroy—Resigned

No 4

John Armstrong Shoemaker 32 Lumber St
Vc Conklin Titus—Resigned
William S Allen Shoemaker 32 Lumber St
Vc Augustus J Battan—Resigned
Gould Castle Shoemaker 32 Lumber St
Vc James Van Benschoten Time Expired

No 13

Thomas M Beare Accountant 574 Pearl St
Vc Jessee Delano Time Expired
David T Williams Accountant 66 Oliver St
Vc James J M Valentine—Resigned

No 14

James Moncrieff Grocer cor Beekman & Gold St
Vc Hiram Pierson—Deceased
[329] Charles J Holmes Jeweller Church street
V. Samuel Youngs—Expelled for Intoxication

No 15

John B Gedney Brass Founder 38 Chrystie St
Vc William Wallace—Resigned
Richard S Davidson Mason, Hester & Norfolk Sts
Vc George Feeks—Resigned
Benjamin M Toulon—Resigned

N° 16

John M Laton Grocer Cor Pearl & Van Dewater S^ts
V^c Silas Coleman—Resigned

N° 19.

John Bently Blacksmith 266 Grand S^t
V^c Daniel Roberts—Resigned
James Van Alst—Resigned
John Sprouls do
Edmund *Buren* [Bruen] do
Charles P Williams do
John B Gedney do

N° 23

Frederick R Anderson Clerk 45 Warren S^t
V^c Thomas Smith—Resigned 1 May 1826
Charles S Seabury—Resigned
Joseph Morin—Resigned

N° 28

Jacob Becker Accountant 590 Broadway
V^c Philip L Luff—Resigned

N° 31

George King Cabinet Maker 53 Anthony S^t
V^c Nicholas H Mandeville—Resigned

[330] N° 42

Samuel Ward Grocer 67 Cherry S^t
V^c James Jones—Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder C°

N° 2

Jesse Cain Accountant Co^r Beekman & Pearl
V^c H R Miller—Resigned

Peter Aims Brassfounder Fulton S^t
V^c Samuel Weeks—Time Expired

Alderman Taylor presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Christopher street be regulated from Washington street to West street

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor Issue a Proclamation offering

a Reward of One hundred dollars, for the apprehension of the person who drove the Carriage by which the lamented Mr Kingsland a respectable Citizen was deprived of his life

Mr Coe presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the houses in Walnut street be regularly numbered throughout—Which was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to be done

Alderman Cebra presented the [331] following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to have Pearl street repaved & regulated between White Hall & the Battery or State Street And so much of Pearl street between Broad street & Whitehall as they may deem necessary

Alderman Randolph presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee—Resolved that the side walks be regulated and paved in Prince street between Broadway and Mercer street

Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that "Paul Lamson" the present Register of Dogs be and he is hereby removed from the said Office

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the Side Walks in Wooster street from Spring to Prince street be laid with brick or Stone in conformity to Law

Mr Pittman presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Ludlow street be regulated and paved from Stanton Street to North Street

[332] This being the day appointed by Law for the appointment of Inspectors of the Annual Election the Board now proceeded to that duty—The following persons were appointed

First Ward	Third Ward
James Oakley	John Montgomery
Nathan T Arnold	John Anthon
Cornelius Bogert	John Van Nostrand
Second Ward	**Fourth Ward**
Henry Andrew	John P Anthony
Isaac Ammerman	Thaddeus Seymour
Brigham Howe	John Baker

Fifth Ward	Ninth Ward
Benjamin Strong	Thomas Morris
George Concklin	Andrew S Norwood
Benjamin Huntington	Samuel M Thompson
Sixth Ward	**Tenth Ward**
Shivers Parker	Reuben Clark
Nicholas C Everitt	Elijah T Pinckney
William AlBurtis	Soloman Wheeler
Seventh Ward	**Eleventh Ward**
Abraham Dally	William Thompson
David Lyon	John Boyce
Samuel Lupton	Noah Brown
Eighth Ward	**Twelfth Ward**
Cornelius Harsin	John Doughty
Jacob Aims	Isaac L Varian
James McCready	James Flanagan

[333] Alderman Davis presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light

Resolved that the Committee on Gas Light report at the next meeting of the Board the specific terms on which the Gas Company will engage to light the City

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Actt 25 Septr 1826	41.39
Recd for Streets	5032.26
Justices Courts	1044.91
Rents	786.58
Tavern & Excise Licence	367.
Wells & Pumps $130, Mayoralty fees $115.25	245.25
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 30th January bal	11.200.
" " 9 Octr on Actt	14.300.
	$33.017.39

84 Accounts audited & ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch	1st Dist		1233.75
Hibbard & Clark	" 2d	do	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly	" 3d	"	768.25
R Graves St Comr	1 Qur Salary	1 Inst	566.66
J Sidell First Marshal	"	"	225.
J Hays High Constable	"	"	125.
C Myers Keeper Pottersfield	1 Mo	"	67.50
Astin & Higbie Messengers	"	"	60.
O Ayres Asst City Inspector	"	"	45.50
J Coffin do	"	"	45.50

[334] G Lathrop St	Inspector	1st	Ward	1 Mo	1 Inst	.....	37.50
P Wright	"	2d	"	"	"	.....	37.50
J. B Ebbets	"	3d	"	"	"	.....	37.50
N B Lyon	"	4th	"	"	"	.....	37.50
I A Isaacs	"	5th	"	"	"	.....	37.50
J M Thomas	"	6th	"	"	"	.....	37.50
B Fuller	"	7	"	"	"	.....	37.50
J Stephens	"	8	"	"	"	.....	37.50
H Mott	"	9	"	"	"	.....	37.50
D Hubbard	"	10	"	"	"	.....	37.50
J Woodruff	"	11	"	"	"	.....	37.50
C Gilman Keeper of Battery				"	"	.....	30.
A McCready Keeper of Park				"	"	.....	30.
Ald White Chairmn of Committee to receive the Boston Infantry						.....	400.
M Ulshoeffer Counsel sundry Costs of suit & approvd by F Comt						.....	278.98
J Ritchie preparing Amunition 4th July						.....	108.
J Morton C C C for Hack hire for Committees &c						.....	55.
R Wilcox repairing Fire works 15 August						.....	43.30
T Parker & C Crane 14 Sundays each in 6th Ward to 2d Octr						.....	42.
S Farquhar 4 pint bottles M Wine for trial 4 July						.....	3.25
L Baum	Clk	Washington Market		1 Mo	1 Inst	.....	72.92
Jas Gilbert	"	3 Market		"	"	.....	58.
P Ammeman	"	"		"	"	.....	48.50
G Duryea	"	Fulton		"	"	.....	41.67
I Asten sweeper		"		"	"	.....	38.59
R Smith Clerk		Franklin		"	"	.....	37.50
G N Bleecker completing Books of 1826 audited by F Comt							300.
T J Waters making 2 Guide Books for Assessors 9th & 10th Wards						.....	50.
Abrm Leggett work of Mud Scow 2 weeks to 8th Inst						.....	135.72
[335] J O Woodruff Keeper Penitenty & Assists 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst						.....	587.50
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst						.....	45.50
J Pinckney	do			"	"	.....	45.50
John Colvill Coroner fees 1 Qur					"	.....	567.35
J Hays for Officers 5 & 7 Wards enforcing Law against swimming						.....	4.50
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall Acct Expences Court & Jury						.....	200.
Evening Post Subscription 6 Mo 1 Septr						.....	50.
N Comstock 24 Casks Oil						.....	1232.87
G Snethen Lights Lamps				1 Mo	1 Inst	.....	970.76
G Snethen Superdt Lamps 1 Qur Sallary					"	.....	137.50
R Provoost repairg Lamps 1 Mo—1 Ins						.....	184.50
T Cumming Actt pavd Christopher St from Hudson to Assylum St						.....	600.

J C Tucker Actt Sewer Broad Street	600.	
J Pinckerton Actt reg & pav Broad Street	400.	
T Cumming Actt pav Christopher St fm Washington to Hudson St	250.	
T Cumming Actt pav Cornelia St fm Herring St to Ludlows line	150.	
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees &c widng Garden & Exchange St & Sloat Line	540.90	
J Towt & Associates Comrs fees &c do do do	864.	
Geo: C Schroeppel Award Openg 32 St fm 10th Avenue to Hudson River	1400.	
Heirs of Cornelia T Genet Award closing part of Great Kill Road	766.	
Peter Burns Award closing Greenwich Lane at 13th St	375.	
John Rogers Award do do	369.	
J McNab Award Openg 13th St & 8th Avenue & closing part Green lane & part of Great Kill road	3900.	
John Ireland do do do "	1330.72	
Amy Walton do do do "	380.	
Henry Gahn do do do "	117.41	
Samuel Laurence do do do "	99.38	
Thos R Ludlam Surveys &c 1 Qur 1 Inst	339.55	
Isaac T Ludlam do " "	325.60	
[336] Edward Doughty do " "	289.77	
Daniel Ewen " " "	262.36	
Francis P Videll " 2 Months "	203.22	
George B Smith " 9 Months "	105.75	
S Fargay repairs Intersection &c at Ma[r]kets & Slips 2d Ward	685.77	
Lacey & Moses flaggg Side walks Hudson & Christopher St at Watch House	177.37	
J Bailey do do Lot corner Delancy & Attorney Sts	142.50	
Seth Ruggles Actt buildg Bulk head West St adjoing State Prison	800.	
R Ayres removg Earth to fill basin at Battery 300 Loads	37.50	
R Pettigrew buildg Well Broadway near Bowling Green	77.50	
R Pettigrew do Barclay St near Greenwich St	65.50	
G Charlton bal Well Cliff St near Fulton St	60.37	
David Dunn bal Well Christopher St near Hudson St	41.25	
Ald White Chm Finance Comte for sweepers Public Grounds	1000.	
J Fleming Amt Delinquent State Tax of 1825	991.82	
A Burtis Super Alms House	5000.	
		32.939.06
Balance		$78.33

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the doors were Closed

The Report of the Law Committee on subject of the arrest of D Messereau by the public authorities of New Jersey in case of Capt Currie of Brig Irene was presented read and adopted

Doors opened and the Board adjourned

See Report on this subject Vol 73 page 236.

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[338] In Common Council October 23d 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	Henry Arcularius
Anthony Lamb	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William A Davis	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Alexander Thomson Junr for an explanatory report of the Committee of Assessments on subject of his Assessment, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A remonstrance against any alteration of the plans made by E Doughty for regulating that part of the City east of Broadway—And two Petitions for the adoption of said Plan were severally laid on the Table, they were afterward made the order of the day for the 30th Inst

[339] A Petition of Leonard Warner & others to have Minetto street paved from Bleecker Street to Carmine street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Issacher Cozzens Junr and others to have the side walks in Houston street from Broadway to Wooster street flagged was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of the Sun Fire Insurance Company for relief from Tax of 1826 was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William B Doughty to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Isaac G Murgatroyd for the correction of an Error

in his Assessment was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of a number of persons to have the drain in Chapple street cleaned was read and referred to the Canal Committee with Powers

A Petition of Michael Murphy to be appointed a Measurer of Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Henry Hebbard for the [340] appointment of City Guager in the room of T J Bartow deceased was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Charles W Davenport to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance of the owners of Property in Frankfort street against the contemplated alterations in said street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of persons owners of property in the vicinity of Stuyvesants Meadows against Canals being built therein was read & Laid on the Table it was afterwards call'd up and made the order of the day for the 30th Inst

A Petition of Peter D Braisted & others for a Well & Pump on Avenue A was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eleventh Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of the owners of Property in Cherry street to repave the same from Catherine to Pelham streets was read and laid on the Table it was afterwards called up & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of a number of persons for [341] regulating & paving the late extended part of Cliff street was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Davis & Center for liberty to transfer part of a Lease which they hold from the Corporation formerly granted to E & A Wilson was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Andrew Wilson for leave to transfer part of Lease formerly executed to E & A Wilson was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers

A Petition of James O Brien for a Salary as Shaver at Bellevue was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition of John Sidell First Marshall for an increase of his yearly Salary was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition from Edward Mooney for Office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Oliver Hibbard & George Weddes to be paid the

reward of $100 for arresting James Phillips who stabbed Isaac Van Benschoten the Watchman was read and referred to the Committee on Finance with Powers

[342] The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening One hundred & twenty first street presented the following Report in favor

The Road Committee to whom a Petition was referred for opening One hundred & twenty first Street beg leave to Report

That the Inhabitants of Harlaem bordering on the Third Avenue, have suffered great Injury by the recent heavy falls of rain, in consequence of the want of a proper discharge for the water and your Committee are of opinion that opening the above named street will afford relief in the premises—They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board make application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to open 121st street from the third Avenue to the Harlaem River

William A Davis
John Yates Cebra
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William E Ross and others praying that the owners & Lessees of property on Broadway may be exempted from the payment of the repaving of that street presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom [343] was referred the Petition of William E Ross and others praying that the owners and Lessees of property on Broadway may be exempted from the payment of the repaving of that Street report, That in their opinion such owners and Lessees ought not to be exempted from paying for the repaving of Broadway, as your Committee cannot discover any good reasons for exempting that Street from the general rule for regulating paving & repaving of the Streets in this City. Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the petitioners

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants and owners of property in Bancker street praying that the name of that Street may be changed to that of Rose street or any other name presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants and Owners of Property on Banker street praying that the name of that street may be changed to that of Rose street or any other name the Common Council may adopt—And also as subsequent Resolution to alter the name of Banker to that of Madison street Report—That in their opinion it would be generally [344] unadvisable and improper to alter the name of any street by which it had long been Known and distinguished, yet as the name of Banker street has become disreputable (from the notorious class of people of the lowest, and degraded order) and has tended to depress the value of the real estate thereon and as most of the land holders are desirous of having the name of Banker street changed, your Committee would recommend that the name of that street be altered, and that in future be called Madison street—and accordingly they submit the following resolution

Resolved that the name of the Street heretofore known & distinguished as Banker street be altered to that of Madison street

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Lands & Places presented the following Report respecting property lying on the Battery and used for the fence

The Committee on Lands & Places represent that there is a considerable quantity of Lead and Iron on the Battery which is exposed, from the time the workmen are discharged until the watch is set and respectfully recommend that proper [345] measures be taken for its protection

Gideon Ostrander
P C Van Wyck
Thos Bolton
John Agnew
William A Davis

Which was referred to the Watch Committee with powers

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Francis Thompson & others relative to the Bonding of Alien Passengers presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom the Petition of Francis Thompson & others Merchants of this City was referred—Respectfully Report that they have examined into the subject of the importation of Passengers into the City of New York and are of opinion that it would not be prejudicial to the Interests of the City—to take a Commutation in many cases in place of exacting Bonds of Indemnity. And that a Commutation of two dollars & fifty Cents for each alien passenger would be fair & reasonable

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to commute for Alien passengers at the rate of Two dollars and fifty Cents for each passenger—provided he shall consider it expedient and proper to do so upon an examination of the Passengers and that the money received for [346] Commutation be immediately paid to the Chamberlain of the City

P C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, that they may be permitted to commute for the State Tax presented the following Report

The Finance Committee respectfully Report, on the annexed petition of the Deleware and Hudson Canal Company—It appears that the Company have paid a Commutation of five per cent upon the profits or income derivable from their whole Capital to the City Treasurer, as a Canal Company, under the 7th Section of the Act of the 20th April 1825—They consider this City as their principal place of business, where all their contracts are made, their meetings held, and their Banking operations carried on—The Banking Capital is 500.000 Dollars being part of their whole Capital of $1.500,000—It appears that the Company gave in its list or memorandum of Banking Capital to the assessors at the amount of $500,000 above stated, and they were taxed as a Bank upon such amount. The Commutation upon the whole Capital however was paid after the period prescribed by Law, and the Company now wish to be allowed to commute as a Canal Company on the whole Capital.

[347] If the Company was only a Canal Company, your Committe would have no hesitation in recommending their relief; but as they employ 500,000 Dollars in regular Banking operations at their Bank in Wall street, your Committee consider them taxable to that amount in like manner as the other Banks in the City—The tax imposed upon the Banking Capital of this Company in the First Ward is about 1600 Dollars, whereas the proposed commutation upon the whole income of the Company is only about 1100 Dollars—Manufacturing Companies, as well as Turnpike and Bridge Companies, have also the right to Commute; but your Committee think that in all such cases if such companies are authorized by Law to establish a Bank and to employ a specific amount or part of their Capital for Banking purposes the part so employed should be assessed as Banking Capital. Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to interfere in the case of the above mentioned Petition, and that the City Treasurer be requested to return to the Company the sum paid in as Commutation

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Thos Bolton
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[348] The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was referred the Petition of sundry owners and proprietors of Lots in the vicinity of the Washington Parade Ground to have vacant Lots enclosed &c presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward to whom was refererd the subjoined Petition to sundry residents and proprietors of Lots in the vicinity of Washington Parade Ground beg leave to report—That they have examined the premises and are of opinion, that the vacant Lots on Fourth Sixth & McDougall streets opposite & adjoining the Parade Ground ought to be fenced agreeably to the prayer of the Petitioners, to protect the Curb stones, and to prevent the deposit of filth near the many respectable residences in that neighbourhood

They would also suggest the importance of the Attention of the Committee on Lands & Places to the Fencing of said Parade Ground to protect the Curb stones & Ground which are daily injured by the passing of Carts—The following Resolution is submitted

Resolved that notices be served by the Street Commissioner upon

the proprietors to cause their Vacant Lots to be fenced on Fourth Sixth & McDougall Streets

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted & the subject of fencing the Parade Ground was referred to the Committee on [349] Lands and Places

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Whereas the House No 8 Catherine Lane in the 6th Ward is in danger of falling whereby the occupants of the house and persons who pass that way are in danger of being killed, therefore Resolved that it be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward together with the Superintendant of Repairs to examine said house and take such measures as they may think proper to abate the Nuisance

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorised to authenticate the Petition to the Supreme Court in relation to 121st Street during the recess of the Common Council that no delay may take place in opening said street

Mr Schieffelin presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Lamp Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Lamp Committee to report upon the propriety of placing lamps on the 3d Avenue from 13th Street to Harlaem bridge in the Town of Harlaem and lighting the same at the Public expence

Mr Schieffelin presented the following [350] which was referred to the Road Committee

Resolved that the Street Commissioner report upon the propriety of placing a Side walk in the 3d Avenue from its commencement to 28th Street such walk to be 3 feet wide and to be made of rough flagging and to be placed on one side of the Avenue

Mr Schieffelin presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to report upon the propriety of erecting a Public Wharf in the East River at the termination of a suitable street in the Town of Harlaem in the 12th Ward

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause bridges of Curb stones to be placed over the gutters from the side walks on both sides of

Grand street, so as to connect with both ends of the cross walks leading to Centre Market

Alderman Cebra presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to report on the propriety of having White Hall street repaved between Bridge street and White Hall Slip at the head thereof

[351] Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the report of the Street Committee on the Regulation of the Streets & Avenues from First to Fourteenth street and from Broadway to the East River be made the order of the day for the 30th Instant

Mr Van Wyck presented a Resolution declaring that the Common Council had a legal right to establish a Ferry from this City to Long Island south of the grant to Messrs Cutting & others which was laid on the Table

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents For repaving Broad & Beaver streets & building the Sewer in Broad street in order that Warrants may issue to Morris D Camp the Collector thereof which was approved and Warrants were ordered accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed to Collect the same Viz[t]

For paving Attorney street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For regulating and paving Ridge street from Delancy to Rivington street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

[352] For regulating and paving Pitt street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For paving Henry street from Clinton to Grand street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For regulating and paving Willet Street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For regulating and paving Hammersly street from Houston to Greenwich street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Ludlow street near Delancy street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a Report recommending that Collectors be appointed on the Assessment for opening Christopher street from Washington street to the River—And also for opening

Avenue B. which was adopted & Noah Jarvis was appointed for Christopher street and Morris D Camp for Avenue B

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Proceedings for opening 4th Street 5th Street Avenue A & Avenue B had been confirmed by the Supreme Court which was referred to the Street Committee

[353] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for correction of Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

No 1.	E Weeks	owner	Thompson St	A Lot
2.	N Prime	Do	Do	Do
3.	A S Glass	Do	Wooster St	Do
4.	S Van Antwerp	Do	Do	Do
5.	Morgan Lewis	Do	Delancy St	Do
6.	Do	Do	Ridge St	Do
7.	M Hopping	Do	Rivington St	Do
8.	F Pell	Do	Avenue D	Do
9.	C Fordham	Do	Rivington St	Do
10.	P Allen	Do	Broome St	Do
11.	J Barker	Do	Sherriff St	Do
12.	Wm Ogilvie	Do	Do	Do
13.	J Galliard	Do	Spruce St	Do
14.	Richd Stillwell	Occupt	Front St	Do
15.	J R Livingston	owner	Columbia St	Do
16.	Do	Do	Cannon St	Do
17.	Mr Tillotson	Do	Broome St	Do
18.	T Day	Do	Arundle St	Do
19.	J Hodson	Occupt	Bancker St	Do
20.	John J Astor	owner	Greenwich St	Do
21.	Trinity Church	Do	Hammersly St	Do
22.	Mr Talman	Do	Do	Do
23.	Mr Wunnenburgh	Lessee	Clarkson St	Do
24.	Thatcher & Boyce	owners	do	Do

George Cuming City Inspr

Which was passed

[354] The City Inspector presented the following Report on the Petition of Jane Gibson & John Ross

The City Inspector respectfully reports on the Petition of Jane Gibson and John Ross complaining of Losses sustained near Minetto street by the freshet in June last—Previous to that period Ordinances were issued to correct several Nuisances in that quarter, most of which are complied with, the rest in progress. Last meeting of the Board one passed that the junction of Herring and Minetto Streets should be

filled in at the Public Charge which is going on as quickly as possible, this will remedy the evil in that quarter; And now a similar Ordinance is offered to fill in all the Lots between Minetto and Amity Streets, and McDougal streets and the Sixth Avenue, which will prevent the Water rushing down thro' those sunken Lots to Carmine street on the other side—which he prays may pass the Board

Respectfully Submitted

George Cuming City Inspector

Which was adopted—Also an Ordinance to correct Nuisances between Minetto and Amity streets and McDougal street & 6th Avenue—Which was passed

The City Inspector also presented the following Report relative to a Nuisance in Ridge street together with an Ordinance

The City Inspector respectfully reports that an Ordinance passed, to correct a Nuisance on Ridge street, but as the owner resides elswhere it was not complied with by his Agent here. An Ordinance to fill in the Two Lots [355] on which the Nuisance is, is presented for the approbation of the Board

Respectfully submitted

George Cuming City Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance Passed

The City Inspector presented the following Report and an Ordinance to correct a nuisance in 5th Street

The City Inspector respectfully reports that a Lot on Fifth street is in a state of Nuisance; it was ordinanced, but not complied with, occasioned by the owners disagreeing with each other on the subject of filling in the Lot—An Ordinance is now presented that the Nuisance may be forthwith Corrected by the Board in the usual manner

Respectfully submitted

George Cuming City Inspr

Which was approved & the Ordinance passed

The City Inspector presented the following Report respecting sunken Lots on Wooster streets together with an Ordinance

The City Inspector respectfully reports that certain sunken Lots on the West side of Wooster street between Grand & Canal streets are in a State of Nuisance as a house lately erected there is injured

by the present State of those Lots, and the owners thereof are unknown, he offers, for the approval of the Board, an Ordinance to remedy the Nuisance in the Usual Way

Respectfully submitted

George Cuming City Inspr

Which was approved and the Ordinance passed

[356] The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies and the resignations accepted

Fire Engine Co

No 2

Charles A Whittingham Carpenter 117 Eldridge St
Vc Burtis Banks—Resigned

No 7

Henry Wagner—Brush Maker Pearl St
Vc Alexander W Steward Resigned

No 13

William L Jenkins Merchant 29 Van Dewater St
Vc Abraham V Vradenburgh Resigned

No 21

Jonathan Blake—Carpenter 236 Water street
Vc Robert Rich—Resigned
Henry A Simmons Shoemaker 90 Division St
John Turner Junr Resigned

No 32

Cyrus Baldwin—Chair Painter 90 Elizabeth St
Vc William J Deforrest Resigned
Joseph Applebie—Carpenter Broome & Chrystie
V Abraham Henegar—Time Expired

No 34

Harman D Serrin Carpenter Love Lane
Vc Henry Hopper—Time expired
James Lewis—Mason Hudson street Vc John Gough—Resigned
Henry Elmendorf Painter Reason Str
Vc Samuel Van Wart—Time Expired

[357] N° 40

Abraham K Fowler Blind Maker Hester & Orange
V^c Henry Kling—Time Expired
Noah Sutton— Resigned
John Romaine— Resigned

The following Resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election and the persons hereinafter named were appointed in their place Viz^t

3^d Ward

John Anthon—Resigned—Benjamin Ferris Appt^d
John Montgomery—Resigned—Richard Hatfield—Appt^d

4^th Ward

John P Anthony—Resigned—David Bryson—Appt^d

5^th Ward

Benjamin Strong Resigned—David Jacot—Appointed

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act^t 9^th Inst^.		78.33
Rec^d of Taxes 1825 from the State balance unappropriated		39.727.10
Streets		6.835.53
Rents		2458.79
Tax of 1826 $2500 Arrears of Taxes 966.38		3466.38
Wells & Pumps		494.
Justices Courts		223.50
Mayoralty fees		67.
Loan of Mechanics Bank Authorized 9^th Inst on Acc^t		9300.
		$62,650.63

46 Accounts Audited & ordered to be Paid

[358] Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1^st Dist^	1233.75
Hibbard & Clark do 2^d	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly do 3^d	768.25
P Hone Mayor 1 Qu^t Salary 16^th Inst^	750.
Geo: B Smith Ass^t S^t Com^r 1 Qu^r Salary 15 Inst^	406.25
R Graves S^t Com^r repairs to Battery walks & Basin	200.
J Morton Clerk C C to pay Hack hire & Postage	25.27
W^m Davis Jun^r printing 12 Quire Circulars for 4^th July	12.
R Riker Recorder 1 Qu^r Salary 1^st Inst^	375.
A Burtis Super Alms House & Clk 1 Qu^r Salary 1 Inst^	525.
Isaac Wood Phys^n & Surgeon Alms House &c 1 Qu^r 1 Inst^	375.
J Bremner Clerk Cath Market 1 Mo 1 Inst^	60.
Ab^m Leggett work mud Scow 2 weeks to 22^d Inst^	154.61
Haydock & Jenkins 69 Casks Oil	3998.94

J Pinkerton Act[t] reg & pav Bond S[t] f[m] Broadway to Bowery	500.	
J Mehan Act[t] repav Water S[t] f[m] Conties to Old Slip	500.	
O Smith Act[t] reg & pav Banker S[t] f[m] Walnut to Grand S[t].	400.	
J C Tucker bal build[s] Sewer Broad S[t]	396.06	
H Smith Act[t] pav Lombardy f[m] Clinton to Grand S[t]	300.	
J Mehan Act[t] repav Water f[m] Broad to Whitehall S[t]	175.	
J Mehan Act[t] repav Moore S[t] f[m] Pearl to Front S[t]	150.	
Estate A H Mooney Act[t] reg & pav Thompson f[m] Bleecker to 4[th] S[t]	130.	
M Ulshoeffer Attorneys fees &c open[s] Christopher S[t] f[m] Washg[t] to West S[t]	231.45	
P Stagg & Associates Com[rs] fees &c: Do Do Do	335.62	
E W Bridges Surveys &c 1 Qu[r] 1 Inst[t]	230.28	
R Pettigrew for a Well North S[t] near Bowery	165.	
J Gallagher Sen[r] bal Well Division n Attorney S[t]	104.16	
R Pettigrew bal Well 6[th] Street near Broadway	76.	
J Gallagher Jun[r] bal Well 5[th] S[t] near 2[d] Avenue	61.75	
[359] G Charlton bal Well Hudson near Chamber S[t]	50.	
D Dunn bal Well Charles near Hudson S[t]	47.25	
S Burgess bal build[s] Bulk head at West S[t] Adjoin[g] S[t] Prison	444.96	
R Graves S[t] Com Act[t] repairs Roads	500.	
G Tucker on Acct[t] stone work at fence at the Battery	2000.	
B Birdsall Act[t] Iron fence do	3000.	
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Repairs	3000.	
J P Roome " Fire Dep[t]	2000.	
J P Roome " Battery	1760.	
J P Roome " Docks &c	1260.	
J. P Roome " Pump Dep[t]	300.	
J. P Roome " Markets	268.	
J. P Roome " Watch Dep[t]	100.	
J Mapes Treasur[r] Institution Deaf & Dumb 6 M 13 Inst[t]	200.	
R Riker Chairman Com[t] Canal Celebration ordr[d] 9 Inst[t]	3837.39	
J Fleming Treas[r] for a Bond Am[t] Advanced 15 Feb 1826 on act[t] of Taxes of 1825 of Incorporated Companies	30.200.	
J Fleming Treas[r] Sala[r]y 6 Months 19 Inst[t]	200.	
		62.648.74
Balance		$1.89

The Board adjourned until Monday next the 30[th] Inst[t]

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

OCTOBER 30, 1826 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1827

[1] In Common Council 30th October 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	Henry Arcularius
Anthony Lamb	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William A Davis	Abm S Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Petition of H & P Smith praying compensation for removing dirt from Bancker street which was referred on the 11th September last to the Street Committee was now referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward

The Petition of John Elwise for [2] Water right in front of his Lot at Old Glass House point in the 12th Ward was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph Williams for Licence to erect a Butchers Stall in Factory street was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of the owners of the Property on 121st street offering to cede said Street which was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board and proceedings directed to be staid

A Petition of Clement C Moore for a Water Grant in front of the Hudson River from the centre of 21st street to the centre of 22d Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of several Jurors in the late Court of Oyer & Terminer for further compensation for their services, was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of persons against repaving Cherry street from Catherine to Market street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[3] The Alderman & Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Avenue A between North and First street presented the following Report in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Avenue A between North street and First street Report that a Well is much wanted in that neighbourhood and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the petitioners be granted

Lemuel Pittman
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire into the expediency of encreasing the Salary of the Keeper of the City Hall presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire into the expediency of making an addition to the Salary of the Keeper of the City Hall respectfully report that they have had the same under their consideration and with a view of compensating the Keeper of the City Hall for the extra [4] services he has been called on to render this Year they respectfully submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Salary of the Keeper of the City Hall for the year commencing the first of May 1826 be at the rate of One thousand dollars p^{r} annum

P W Engs
Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire into the expediency of affording additional accommodation to the Street Commissioner presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire into the expediency of affording additional accommodation to the Street Commissioner as to Office Room respectfully Report that they have given it their serious consideration and after all due deliberation in regard to the convenience of the Public and the accommodation of various Offices of this Board they have come to

the conclusion of submitting the following Resolutions as the only means by which additional accommodation can be afforded to the Street Commissioner

1st Resolved that the room now occupied by the Clerk of the Common Council be connected by a door, with [5] that now occupied by the Street Commissioner

2d Resolved that the room now occupied by the City Inspector be assigned to the Clerk of the Common Council and that the Entry now passing between the Offices of the Street Commissioner & City Inspectors Rooms be added to that now occupied by the City Inspector

3d Resolved that the Room now occupied by the Collectors of Assessments be assigned to the City Inspector

4th Resolved that the Room formerly occupied as a Jury Room be assigned to the Collectors of Assessments

Samuel Gilford Junr
P W Engs
Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
William W Mott

Which was approved the Resolutions adopted and referred to the Committee of Repairs to cause the same to be carried into effect

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Morris Randall of the Town of Harlaem for permission to sink a Dock in Harlaem River presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Morris Randall of the town of Harlaem beg leave respectfully to Report

[6] That they have duly considered the Petition aforesaid praying for a Pier of 30 feet wide on Harlaem River and your Committee are of opinion that it will be an accommodation to the inhabitants of the Twelfth ward to have a Pier near to the Foot of 121st Street— Your Committee deem it their duty to state that the Common Council should not under any circumstances cede to an Individual the right of a Pier at the foot of any street believing that the Water rights should be reserved exclusively for the use of the City

And your Committee submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to make a Water Grant to Morris Randall for a Pier in front of his property adjacent

to 121st Street on Harlaem River on such terms as may be agreed upon

Campbell P White
John Agnew
Anthony Lamb
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eleanor James & Maria Faye childre*d*[n] & heirs of James O Faye late of the City of New York deceased presented the following Report

[7] The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eleanor Faye, James Faye and Maria Faye children & heirs of James O Faye late of the City of New York deceased Respectfully Report

That they have investigated the Claim of the Petitioners to the money paid into the public Treasury of the City as a part of the Estate of the late James O Faye, that they find that the said James O Faye died intestate, leaving a Widow and five Children living viz[t] John James and Thomas his sons and Eleanor and Maria his daughters. That the widow and John and Thomas have already received their proportions of the money so paid into the City Treasury, and Eleanor has also received the greater part of her proportion. That James is of age and Maria is an infant, and they have not received any part of their proportion; That Alexander Cascaden of this City has been appointed Guardian to Maria the said Infant, by the Surrogate of the said City. That your Committee are satisfied of the Identity of the persons claiming the property and also that there are no other heirs—That the amount of the Fund yet undisposed of and not paid over is about $1200, Your Committee therefore recommend that the fund be paid over to the Petitioners according to their respective rights upon their filing with the Comptroller a proper bond of Indemnity And that the following Resolution be adopted to that effect—Resolved that the [8] balance of the money remaining in the City Treasury of the estate of James O Faye deceased be paid over to his Children, James Faye Eleanor Faye and Maria Faye, according to their respective rights in the same upon their filing a proper bond of Indemnity to be approved of by the Counsel of the Board—and that a receipt for the monies paid on behalf of the Infant be given by the Guardian, who is to join in the Bond of Indemnity

P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inspectors of Fire Wood recommending the passage of a Law relative to Inspection of Fire wood presented the following Report accompanied with the draft of a Law

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inspectors of Fire wood, recommend the passage of a Law, of which the Draft is annexed, and which they hope will obviate the difficulty stated by the Petitioners

P. C Van Wyck
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Law passed under the title of "A Law relative to the Inspection of Fire Wood"

[9] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Murphy to be appointed a Measurer of Coal presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of Michael Murphy to be appointed a Measurer of Coal have made enquiry as to the Character and Ability of the Petitioner. and find him well qualified to perform the duties of that Office, they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Michael Murphy be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Coal for the City and County of New York provided he shall not Measure Charcoal

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted, and he was appointed accordingly

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of William B Doughty to be appointed a City Surveyor presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the petition of William B Doughty to be appointed a City Surveyor, have made particular enquiry as to the Character and Ability of [10] *of* the petitioner, and find him every way qualified to perform the duties of that Office—They therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that William B Doughty be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor for the City & County of New York

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted & he was appointed accordingly

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Seth P Gregory, Edward Mooney, Richard S Hubbard, Charles W Davenport, Jesse Gould, Charles Brooks Pardon T Tabor and George Butler for Office of City Weighers presented the following Report

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Seth P Gregory Edward Mooney, Richard S Hubbard, Charles W Davenport, Jesse Gould, Charles Brooks, Pardon J[T] Taber and George Butler to be appointed City Weighers in the place of Robert Mitchell deceased, have made enquiry as to the Character and Ability of the Petitioners, and find them well recommended to fill the Office they apply for they therefore offer the following Resolution—Resolved that [11] one person from the above names be appointed a City Weigher to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Robert Mitchell

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was adopted—The Board then proceeded to Ballot when Charles W Davenport was chosen, and it was Resolved that Charles W Davenport be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of David J Hubbs James D Oram Daniel Waldron Junr William D Morgan James R Stewart Jacob Beekman & Henry Hebbard for the Office of City Guager presented the following Report

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of James D Oram Henry Hebard David J Hubbs Daniel Waldron Junr William D Morgan Jacob Beekman & Jas R Stewart to be appointed City Guagers in the place of Thomas J Bartow deceased have made inquiry as to the Character and Ability of the Petitioners and find them well recommended, to perform the duties of the Office they apply for—they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that one person from the above names be appointed a City Guager to [12] fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Thomas J Bartow

John Lozier
John Hitchcock
Jameson Cox

Which was adopted—The Board then proceeded to Ballott when David J Hubbs was chosen and it was Resolved that David J Hubbs be and he is hereby appointed City Guager

The Special Committee on Gas to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman Davis directing the Committee to report the Specific Terms on which the Gas Company will light the City presented the following Report

The Special Committee on Gas Lights report on the reference of the annexed resolution offered by Alderman Davis—That their Chairman addressed a Note to the agent of the New York Gas light Company, with a Copy of said Resolution which has produced the subjoined communication from said agent to which your Committee refer and from which it will be seen that the Company are not disposed to light the City on any better terms than those specified in their contract which they appear to think are too Low—The "specific price" at which they would make a new contract as per the Letter annexed is fifteen dollars per Lamp which would [13] amount to Forty thousand dollars per Annum for the whole City while it would cost under the existing contract Twenty three thousand dollars, being the amount expended the last year for Oil lights, these facts need no comment from your Committee

On the 24th April last a Petition was referred to your Committee from sundry Inhabitants north of Grand street to have the Gas Pipes extended so as to accommodate them with the light, the present contract prohibiting such extension we herewith return the Petition, & beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the same

Respectfully submitted

P. W Engs
Anthony Lamb
William W Mott

The Letter referred to in the above report is as follows

P W Engs Esqr

Sir In answer to the enquiry "whether the Gas light Company will light the City at a specified price." I must inform you that if there had not been a Contract with the Corporation to Light such street Lamps as might be required, "at a price not exceeding what they will Cost to light them with Oil" the Company would be unwilling to light the Street Lamps as contemplated at less than Fifteen dollars each. It cannot be expected that we should obtain a higher price

than by the [14] contract and lower we cannot take. The town of Liverpool (England) pays Twenty one dollars $11\frac{1}{100}$ per annum on 17 Miles of streets for 7 years from 1st January 1825 for each Lamp; avarraging about 85 feet apart If it is contemplated to put up Iron posts it will be necessary to make contracts for them by the 15th Novr that they may be delivered early next season

I am Respectfully yours &c

Timothy Dewey—Manager

The Report was approved, and directed to be filed and the Committee discharged from the further consideration thereof

A Communication was received from Nathan T Arnold stating that he was appointed one of the Inspectors of Election in the 1st Ward that since that time he has removed to the 9th Ward and therefore tendering his resignation, which was accepted and Peter H Schenck appointed to fill the vacancy

An Invitation was received from the Rutgers Medical College for the attendance of the Members of the Board at the opening of the same on Monday Novemr 6th 1826 at 12 oClock was read and accepted and directed to be filed.

Alderman Taylor presented the [15] following Resolutions which were respectively referred to the Street Committee Vizt

Resolved that Christopher street be regulated and paved from Assuylum street to Greenwich Lane

Resolved that Factory street be regulated and paved from Christopher street to Bank street

Resolved that Herring street be regulated and paved from Christopher street to Bank street

Resolved that Assuylum street be regulated and paved from Christopher street to Bank street.

Resolved that Hammond street be regulated and paved from Assuylum street to Greenwich Lane

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to enquire and report on the propriety of discontinuing the use of the Tread Mill in certain cases, and that until such report be made no females be placed upon the Tread Mill under any pretence Whatever

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinance which was passed viz

For a Well & Pump in Avenue A between North and First street

and Isaac Kip [16] Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed assessors

The Counsel presented the following Report on answer in Chancery at suit of Daniel C Verplank

The Counsel respectively reports, that he has prepared an Answer in Chancery in the case of the Corporation at the suit of Daniel Crommelin Ver Plank an engrossed Copy of which will be necessary to be authenticated in the usual manner, during the recess of the Board

Respectfully submitted M Ulshoeffer

Which was approved and the answer was directed to be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in relation to widening Garden street which was referred to the Street Committee

It was now moved that the Board now proceed to the consideration of the Report of the Street Committee on the regulation of Streets and Avenues from 1st to 14th Street and from Broadway to the East River which was agreed to—The [17] Reports having been read, Alderman Davis presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to direct the printing of such report or statements as will in the opinion of the Committee afford information respecting the filling in and regulation of the ground embraced in what is called Doughtys survey or Plan. The Recorder then presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Commissioner to estimate and report to the Street Committee in order that said Committee may lay said Report before the Board, the number of Loads of earth which will be necessary to regulate that part of the City, comprehended between North and 14th Street and the East river and the Bowery deducting therefrom the quantity of surplus earth—That such estimate specify the quantity of filling which will be required under the report of Dr Adrain Genl Swift & Professor Renwick—The quantity which will be required under the survey of Mr Doughty—And the quantity which will be required to carry the water from the Bowery to the River over the surface of the Ground—And that the Committee also report to the Board the expence that will be incurred upon each Plan—It was then [18] Resolved that all the papers on the subject be referred to the Street Committee with authority to cause such

parts to be printed for the use of the Members as they shall judge Proper

Mr Valentine gave notice that he would call up the subject at the regular Meeting of the Board to be held this day three weeks

The Several Reports of the Special Committee on Gas lights, and also of the said Special Committee & of the Law Committee & the Counsel of the Board which had been laid for consideration were now called up and being read were as follows Vizt The Report of the Special Committee on the Resolution of the 13th February last was as follows

The Special Committee to whom was referred a resolution of the 13th February last directing enquiries into the expence of introducing the Gas light into the streets of this City Report

That they have been furnished with a Copy of the contract between the New York gas light Company and the Corporation of this City. by this contract the company engage to furnish all pipes and necessary conductors to the foot of the Lamp post And the City is to supply or pay for, the lamp post, lamps, lamps Irons, conductors through the Post, and other "fittings up" and to put down the Posts at their expence and are to be "at no other expence for [19] fixtures conductors, repairs or on any other account whatsoever" there is however a clause in the agreement on which the company claim to be bound only to keep in repair the "pipes & conductors" on this point your Committee have come to no decision with them but they do not deem it important that this should be insisted on as preliminary as it will have no material operation on the proposition they will submit

The Company are to light "all and every of the public streets or parts of streets lying and being South of a line commencing at the East river, at the foot of Grand street and running through Grand street to Sullivan street and through Sullivan street to Canal street and through Canal street to the North River" and they engage to be ready to light the Street Broadway on the 12th day of May 1825 and all the other parts of the City included in their contract on the 12th day of May 1828 it appears by a communication in possession of your Committee, that the Corporation were informed by the Company prior to the time specified in the contract that they were ready to light Broadway

Information gathered from experience in England and this Country, convinces your Committee that posts of wood are not suitable the apperture required at the bottom being so large as to weaken the Post very much subject it to [20] rot, and render it difficult to keep it erect & firm in the Ground, they therefore recommend the use of Iron

posts believing that in addition to their superiority, they should be used on the score of economy in narrow streets however they would advise the use of Iron brackets secured against the sides of buildings and extending out at least five feet

Your Committee have seen a pattren post less in size and weight than those already erected in the Streets by the Gas Company which they believe to be sufficiently large and have ascertained the lowest price that they can be obtained for—The following is the estimated Cost of one lamp & fixtures

Iron post to weigh 3 Cwt at $70 per Ton	$10.50
Lead tube through the Post (10 feet)	1.84
Jet. Cock and Pillar	.93
Lanthorn & Lamp Iron	4.50
Putting down post	.50
	$18.27

There may be a small addition to the cost of the Lanthorn as named above but your Committee believe they will be safe in estimating the whole cost to be Twenty dollars per lamp

There are in the City at present 2748 lamps—In the district included in the Contract with the Gas Coy there are but 1849 they are in general much too far apart and the City cannot be lighted properly [21] (even with gas) in the opinion of your Committee without increasing the number to 2400 the distance varying in the populous part of the City from 100 to 160 feet, while it is found that in London & Liverpool they are placed from 60 to 90 feet apart according to the width of the Street it is believed however that in our atmosphere the streets will be sufficiently lighted if the posts are placed 100 feet apart in those streets not wider than Broadway

On the supposition that it will require 2400 lamps in the district contracted for with the Gas Company, and assuming the cost of one Lamp to be correct, as estimated by your Committee the total expenditure required would be $48,000 it must however be taken into consideration, that the 1849 Oil Lamps to be taken up are or will be all wanted for the upper wards of the City, their ascertained cost when new is $9.62 allowing them to be worth $7, they would amount to $12.943.00 leaving the whole actual expenditure at $37057.00 from which may be deducted the saving to be made by using brackets in narrow streets—But your Committee deem it important to call your attention to the fact, that it will probably be at least three years before the whole expenditure will be required, and that it is optional with the Corporation how far the City shall be lighted—With a view to test the

value of Gas light before the whole contract is entered [22] into. They recommend that Broadway be lit with the same from Grand street to the Battery, the present season considering that it will be a particularly fit time to set about it, as it is contemplated to re-pave that street

Conforming to the distance laid down by your Committee it will require 120 Gas lamps for Broadway which will cost $2400 there are 75 oil Lamps and posts to be taken up (and which are now very much wanted in the upper wards) and are worth $7 each making $525— reducing the whole expenditure required this year to $1875, but to allow room for error, and additional charges your Committee will call it $2000 a sum small indeed, compared to the Advantage and comfort to be derived from having that elegant Street properly lighted and the utility of the Gas properly tested—It is demonstrated by experiment, that the light produced from Gas, emitted through what is termed a three sit cock spin burner, is equal in brilliancy & Diffuses as much light as two of the Oil lamps now in use and hence it is deduced that inasmuch as the gas light company engage "to light & supply a certain part of the City," at a yearly expence not exceeding that of lighting & supplying an equal number of Lamps with Oil at the average price of the same in this City the preceeding year the same quantum of light as Gas [23] will be precisely double

It is a result of experience that it is extremely difficult to procure Oil that will burn in our Street Lamps in the most intense weather, in such seasons the advantages of gas over oil are very great

Your Committee consider it unnecessary to dwell upon the necessity of having our streets bettter lighted, there is but one voice on that subject among our citizens, Comfort and convenience, and the preservation of the peace in the night requires that it should be done; the following Resolutions is therefore submitted for Consideration

Resolved that it is Expedient to enter upon the contract with the New York Gas Light Company, so far as to have Broadway from Grand street to the Battery lit by them, without unnecessary delay

Resolved that the necessary preperations to effect the same be made, and that the whole be done under the superintendance of the Gas light and Lamp Committees

Respectfully submitted

P W Engs
Anthony Lamb
William W Mott
R Riker
Jacob B Taylor

The Report of the Gas Committee Law Committee and Counsel was as follows

[24] The Special Committee on Gas lights, The Law Committee and the Counsel of the Board to whom were referred the annexed report on the subject of lighting the City with Gas respectfully report

That they have investigated the Contract with the New York Gas Light Company, and considered generally the contents of the Report referred to them—They find no provision in the contract that will bind the Corporation of this City to receive the Gas light for any greater length of time than they may require nor to any further extent of the City—Coinciding with the views of the Special Committee on Gas lights, so far as relates to lighting Broadway they respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that it is expedient to enter upon the contract with the New York Gas Light Company so far as to light Broadway with Gas from Grand Street to the Battery during the pleasure of the Common Council and that the necessary preparations to effect the same be made under the direction of the Special Committee on Gas Lights

P W Engs
Anthony Lamb
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
R Riker
M Ulshoeffer
Thos Bolton

After some discussion the question on agreeing to [25] adopt the reports of the Committees was taken and a Division having been required by Mr Valentine the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldm Cebra Agnew Lamb Taylor Messs Bolton Mott Van Wyck Arcularius Coe Engs Peters Schieffelin 13

Negative Aldm Gilford Cox Ostrander Davis Mr Lozier Valentine Pittman 7

So it was carried in the Affirmative

Mr Valentine gave notice that he would move for a Reconsideration at the next meeting of the Board

Board Adjourned to Monday next 4 O Clock

[26] In Common Council November 6th 1826

Present The Honorable Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	Henry Arcularius
Anthony Lamb	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William A Davis	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Amos Bacon to be appointed Inspector of Fire wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Remonstrance of a number of Owners and proprietors of houses &c in Catherine street against the manner in which the work of repaving said Street is performed and requesting the bill for said work may be examined—was read and referred to the Street Committee

[27] A Petition of Jacob H Varian to have his Stall No 26 Catherine Market transferred to Thomas Marshall Junr was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of George Montgomery for permission to transfer his Stall No 41 Catherine Market to Thomas H White was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Martin Hoffman President and on behalf of the New York Protection Fire Insurance Company praying for reduction of Taxes on said Company was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the heirs of Cornelia T Genet to have the time allowed them for the purchase of a piece of Land at Greenwich extended, and the price reduced was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition & Memorial of Charles Mooney on subject of paving Broad street complaining that after having made contracts and commenced the work, the same was taken from him and he has not been paid for the work performed was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of William Badeau to be appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

[28] A Petition of John Ewen to be appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of the Hucksters in Grand street Market praying for a reduction of Market Fees was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Henry Bolster and others to have Goereck street paved between Rivington & Stanton Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Israel C Langdon & others respecting an overcharge of Earth in the Assessment for paving King street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Leonardi Datelli for remission of a fine for selling second hand Clothes without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Samuel Pool for remission of a Penalty for not having his Lamps on his Hack Carriage lighted was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of George Catlin to be employed to make a Copy of the Portrait of the late Thomas [29] Jefferson now at West Point for the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences

A Petition of William Van Zandt to be appointed to execute the Laws to prevent horses & Carriages being driven beyond the Speed allowed by Law was read and referred to the Police Committee

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Gilbert relative to his property on Burrows street presented the following Report

The Street Committee respectfully report on the Petition of Thomas Gilbert, relative to his property on Burrows street, that with respect to so much of the Petition as remonstrates against the alteration or widening of Burrows street your Committee do not intend to notice it at this time but will give due weight and consideration thereto when they report on the propriety of that improvement, That the petitioner also complains that it is intended to alter the line of the Curb stones opposite his said property; and insinuates that a Map of

certain property in that vicinity made in 1811 and now in the Street Commissioners Office, has been improperly altered, and a certain line obliterated, or rubbed out, this insinuation your Committee have deemed it their duty to examine, because Mr Gilbert asserts that he saw the straight line on the Map on the 14th or 15th of August last, and which line, he says, has since been obliterated, and [30] a sloping line substituted. After a full investigation of the circumstances, your Committe find that a pencil line or lines were made on the Map in question, as is customary in reference to contemplated improvements and that such line or lines have since been rubbed out, as is usual in such cases—There is no foundation whatever for the insinuation that any part of the said Map has been obliterated erased or rubbed out—The pencil marks alluded to, were made on the Map in the presence of Mr Gilbert, by the Street Commissioner; and were merely made to show the effect of certain contemplated improvements, such is the case every day with Maps in the said Office, and the propriety of rubbing off pencil marks from an Original Map, seems too obvious to require justification—Your Committee are satisfied by an examination of the said Map, as well as the subjoined statements of the Assistant Street Commissioner, and of the Assistant Alderman of the Ninth Ward, who were present when the pencil marks in question were made, that Mr Gilbert is entirely mistaken in asserting that there was any line on the Map in August last, which is not now on the same, excepting the pencil line which was made thereon as aforesaid—your Committee agree in one thing with the Petitioner "that whenever Burrows street shall be paved, the curb stones may be laid where in justice they ought to be, namely along the true and honest line of the Street" And your [31] Committee have no doubt whatever, that the curb stones will be so directed to be laid, by the Surveyor under the directions of the Street Commissioner in the usual manner, whenever it becomes necessary, They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board, the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw so much of his said Petition as is above reported upon

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Signed C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted & the documents referred to directed to be filed

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Brown and others praying that Elizabeth Street may be paved from Prince to Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Brown and others praying that Elizabeth street may be paved from Prince to Bleecker street Report—that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the [32] request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner of all the Streets which have been paved since 23 Nov^{r} 1824 presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed report of the Street Commissioner of all the Streets which have been paved or repaved since the passing of the Ordinance of the Common Council on the 22^{d} day of November 1824 by which "all the Streets in this City or parts of streets that shall be newly paved or repaved of not less than the space or distance between and including the intersection of two streets at the expence of the individual owners of the Lots on the Streets or parts of Streets so to be newly paved or repaved and the work afterward approved by the said Common Council, such streets or parts of streets, shall forever thereafter be kept in repair at the expence of the Corporation"

On which your Committee respectfully report that in their opinion the Common Council are bound in good faith to accept of all the Streets [33] or parts of Streets that have been paved or repaved since the passage of the aforesaid Ordinance and which have been done in conformity therewith and Accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that all the streets and parts of streets which have been newly paved or repaved in conformity with the Ordinance of this Common Council passed the 22^{d} day of November 1824 entitled "A Law respecting the paving of the public streets in the City of New

York" be accepted and Registered according to the provisions of the aforesaid Act

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

Statements shewing the Streets which have been newly paved, or repaved, since the twenty second day of November 1824 by order of the Common Council

Name of the Street paved	From	To	Assessment when comfirmed
Arden	Herring	Trinity Church line	1825 Aug 29th
Attorney	Broome	Stanton	" Decr 19
*Beekman	Pearl	Water	1824 Decr 6
Bancker	Pike	Oliver	1826 Jan 3
Broad	Pearl	Wall	" July 17
Beaver	Broadway	near William	" July 17
[34] *Bancker	Walnut	Grand	" Sep 25
Chrystie	Delancy	Stanton	1824 Decr 20
Columbia	Grand	Rivington	" Novr 22
Cannon	Broome	Stanton	1825 July 18
Chatham	Pearl	Tryon Row	" Octr 24
Chambers	Broadway	Greenwich	1826 Jan 16
*Cornelia	Herring	Ludlows Line	" July 31
Christopher	Washington	Hudson	" July 31
Christopher	Washington	Hudson	" Sep 11
Duane	Broadway	Hudson	1825 Decr 19
*Essex	Delancy	Rivington	1826 Jan 3
*Essex	Rivington	Stanton	1824 Novr 22
Forsyth	Stanton	North	1825 July 18
Fourth	Broadway	Sixth Avenue	" Sept 26
*Gouverneurs Slip	Water	Front	1824 Decr 6
Gouverneurs Street	Division	Cherry	1826 July 31
Houston	Broadway	Thompson	1825 Decr 19
Lombardy	Clinton	Grand	1826 July 31
Mac dougal	Fourth	Sixth	" Septr 11
Moore	Front	Pearl	" Septr 25
Pitt	Division	Stanton	1825 June 20
*Pearl	Frankfort	Oak	" Octr 19
Pike	Division	Water	" Decr 5
*Ridge	Broome	Delancy	" July 18
*Rose	Duane	Frankfort	1826 June 19
Suffolk	Delancy	Stanton	1824 Decr 20

Name of the Street paved	From	To	Assessment when confirmed
*South	James	Catherine	1825 Sep 26
Sixth Avenue	Carmine	Sixth	1826 March 14
Thompson	Bleecker	Fourth	" June 19
[35] Van dam	Varick	Macdougal	" April 10
Willett	Grand	Stanton	1825 Jan 17
*Washington	Beaver Lane	Marketfield	" Jan 17
West	Murray	Duane	" Sepr 26
Wooster	Bleecker	Fourth	1826 Sepr 11
*Water	Broad	White Hall	" Sepr 25

Note the streets marked thus * are paved the length of one block only without intersections

Abstract from the Books

Street Comrs Office Oct 3. 1826 Geo: B Smith
Dept Street Comr

The report referred to in the preceeding report of the Street Commissioner was as follows

The Street Commissioner in Obedience to the Resolution of the Common Council passed the 25th September Ulto directing him to report "the Streets or parts of Streets which have been paved or repaved since the adoption of the Ordinance of the Corporation passed the 22d day of November 1824" herewith presents a list of all the streets and parts of streets so paved or repaved under the several Ordinances of the Corporation since that time amounting to forty one in number—thirteen of which are not strictly in conformity with the Ordinance being single blocks without intersections—The remaining twenty eight are two or more blocks with intersections and which (it is believed) will bring them within the meaning of the said Ordinance—All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves St Comr

[36] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject relating to the opening of Garden street between William and Broad streets presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject relating to the opening of Garden street between William & Broad streets as lately confirmed by the Supreme Court—Report that in their opinion the opening of that Street ought to be suspended until the first day of May next and that the buildings thereon be removed therefrom within

twenty days thereafter—Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the widening of Garden street on the Southerly side between William street and Broad street be suspended until the first day of May next, and that the buildings thereon be removed therefrom within twenty days thereafter

Jacob B Taylor
William S Coe
C P White
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Owners of property for opening 12th Street between Broadway & the 6th Avenue presented the following report in favor of the same

[37] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of the owners of the property on 12th Street between Broadway and the Sixth Avenue praying that the said street may be opened to the Sixth Avenue Report—that in the opinion of your Committee it is not only necessary and proper that 12th Street should be opened to the Sixth Avenue but that it should be continued to Greenwich Lane—inasmuch as the present filling up of Greenwich Lane will wholly obstruct the water and inundate East Bank street at 12th Street, in order to remedy which it will be necessary to continue the opening of 12th to Greenwich lane aforesaid

Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the 12th Street be opened from Broadway to Greenwich Lane and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court in order that the same may be carried into effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving the side Walks of [38] *of* Wooster street between Spring street and Prince street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for paving the Side Walks of Wooster street between Spring & Prince streets Report that in their opinion the walks in that street ought to be laid and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side Walks of Wooster street be paved from Spring street to Prince street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution for repaving Courtlandt street from Broadway to the Hudson river presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for repaving Courtlandt street from Broadway to the Hudson river Report that in their opinion that Street ought to be repaved throughout but owing to the lateness of the season your Committee deem it [39] advisable to repave only so much thereof as lies between Broadway and Greenwich street the present year, and that the remainder be done early in the ensuing summer Accordingly they submit the following resolutions

Resolved that Courtlandt street be repaved from Broadway to the Hudson River

Resolved that so much of Courtlandt street as lies between Broadway & Greenwich street be repaved the present season

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving Minetto street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for paving Minetto street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Minetto street be regulated and paved from Bleecker Street to Carmine street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
Campbell P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[40] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elisha Tibbetts & others to have Beaver Lane repaved presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Elisha Tibbets and others to have Beaver Lane repaved between Broadway and Greenwich street, Report their Opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that Beaver Lane be repaved between Broadway and Greenwich street and the Side walks thereof relaid

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the resolution for repaving Pearl street between Broad & State Streets presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for repaving Pearl street between Broad street and State street Report that in their opinion the repaving of that Street has become necessary and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

[41] Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving Cliff street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition

for paving Cliff street Report that in their opinion it is necessary and proper that Cliff street be paved between Frankfort street and Ferry street, and so much thereof as lies between Ferry street and Beekman street as may be necessary to be repaved—Accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Cliff street be regulated and paved from Frankfort to Ferry street and so much thereof as may be necessary to conform to the widening of that street between Ferry street & Beekman Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[42] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have that part of Grand street lying in front of Williamsburgh Ferry paved presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have that part of Grand street lying in front of Williamsburgh Ferry paved Report, that in their opinion it is necessary and proper that so much of Grand street as lies between the present pavement and the Ferry stairs should be done—Accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Oakly & others to have the side walks in Varick street and also in Herring street paved presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Oakly & others to have the side Walks of Varick street paved from Carmine [43] street to Vandam street—And also for paving the side Walks of Herring street from Carmine street to Christopher street Report that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that the side walks of Varick street be laid from Vandam street to Carmine street

Resolved that the side walks of Herring street be laid from Carmine street to Christopher street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving White Hall street between Bridge S[t] and the Slip presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Re*v*[p]aving White Hall street between Bridge street and the Slip Report

that in their opinion that street requires repaving and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that White Hall street be repaved from Bridge street [44] to the Head of White Hall Slip

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Houston street paved between Crosby street and Broadway presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Houston street paved between Crosby street and Broadway Report that in their opinion the request of the petitioners ought to be granted and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Houston street be paved from Broadway to Crosby street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Resolution for paving Ludlow [45] street from Stanton street to North street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed resolution for paving Ludlow street from Stanton to North street Report that in their opinion it is proper that, that street should be paved and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that Ludlow street be paved from Stanton street to North street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Houston street paved between Broadway & Wooster street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the side walks of Houston street paved between Broadway and Wooster street—Report

That in their opinion the laying of the side walks of that street has become necessary and accordingly submit the following Resolution—Resolved that the [46] side walks of Houston street be paved from Broadway to Wooster street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for repaving Cherry street between Catherine & Pelham streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for repaving Cherry street between Catherine street and Pelham street Report that in their opinion the repaving of Cherry street is indispensible and ought to be carried into effect the present season Your Committee accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution—Resolved that Cherry street be repaved from Catherine street to Pelham street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[47] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Montgomery to transfer his Stall N° 41 Catherine Market to Thomas H White presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of George Montgomery for permission to transfer his Stall N° 41 Catherine Market to Thomas H White who is desirous to receive the same respectfully report—That in the opinion of your Committee the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted and recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob H Varian to transfer his Stall N° 26 Catherine Market to Thomas Marshall Jun^r^ presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Jacob H Varian for permission to transfer his Stall N° 26 Catherine Market to Thomas Marshall Jun^r^ respectfully report that due enquiry has been made and in the [48] opinion of your Committee the transfer ought to be made, and submit for the consideration of the Board, the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted

M^th^ Reed
John Yates Cebra
Ab^m^ M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the Examination of the Accounts of the Treasurer

The Comptroller respectfully reports that he has examined the accounts of Receipts and payments of the Treasurer for Six Months to the 1^st^ Inst—Also his accounts with the Commissioners of the Sinking fund for the same time and finds them correct

G N Bleecker Comptroller

Which was directed to be filed

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer ce[r]tifying the vacancies and the Resignations accepted Viz^t^

Fire Engine C° N° 8

Jacob B Wade Grocer 8 Cross S^t^ V^e^ Walter Florentine Resigned

[49] N° 3

John Dunn Cartman 9 Lumber S[t] V[e] Harold Geer—Resigned
John M[c]Millen—Accountant 10 Greenwich S[t]
V[e] John Conrey Resigned

N° 4

Simon Graham Cabinet Maker 30 Vesey S[t]
V[e] David Brown—Time expired
Peter P Bartine Mason 1 York Street V[e] David Redfield—Resigned

N° 10

Jesse Mack[r]ell Carpenter Spring S[t]
V[e] Henry Palmer—Time Expired

N° 15,

Theodore Fassitt Grocer 426 Water Street
V[e] Alexander Whaley—Time Expired

N° 24

Thomas H Merry Jun[r] Accountant N° 8 Pearl Street
V[e] Ward Leat—Resigned
Henry W Havens Surveyor 133 Reed S[t]
V[e] Charles Huestiss—Resigned
George Erskins Merch[t] 10 Depeyster S[t]
V[e] Harvey Richards—Resigned

N° 29

Joseph B Secor Musical Instrument Maker Wooster & Amity S[t]
V[e] Alfred L Winans—Resigned
Thomas P Okie—Teacher Washington near Charles
V[e] James Harsen—Resigned

[50] N° 35

Henry T Boyle Carpenter Harlaem
V[e] Peter Randel Time expired

N° 41

John L Gilpin Finisher 100 William S[t]
V[e] M[c]Kinzey Defries—Resigned

N° 45

Garrit Horton Carpenter Yorkville V[e] Merrit Riggs—Removed
Edward Prime Broker Yorkville V[e] Aaron R Bartram—resigned
Edwin Wells Grocer Yorkville V[e] Henry Ward—Resigned
Jefferson Brown Coach Maker Yorkville V[e] Allen Ross—Resigned
John G Holt Sadler Yorkville V[e] Smith Hicks—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following returns of Delinquents

The Street Commissioner herewith covers returns of delinquents on the assessments for regulating & Paving Bond street from Broadway to the Bowery—And on the Assessment for opening La Fayette Place in order that Warrants may issue to Morris D Camp the Collector

Respectfully submitted

R Graves S^{t} Com^{r}

[51] Whereupon Warrants were directed to be issued to Morris D Camp to Collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz^{t}

For pitching and paving Walnut Slip & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For Paving Arundel street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For repaving Pearl street from Broad street to Old Slip and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For paving Columbia street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appt^{d} Collector

For a Well & Pump in Lombardy street near Scammel street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in John street near William Street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz^{t}

For repaving White Hall street [52] from Bridge street to the Slip and Samuel S^{t} John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were app^{d} Assessors

For paving Minetto Street from Herring to Carmine street and John Tout David Lyon & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For repaving Pearl street between Broad street & State street and John W Wyman Cary Dunn & John M^{c}Kesson were appt^{d} Assessors

For repaving Beaver Lane from Broadway to Greenwich street and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

For paving the Side walks of Varick street between Vandam and Carmine street and John Slidell Ab^{m} Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For paving the Side walks of Herring street from Carmine to Christopher Street and John Brown Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

For Paving Cliff street between Frankfort & Beekman streets and John Targee Abm Baudoine & Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

[53] For paving the side walks in Houston street between Broadway & Wooster street & William Torrey Alexander Coffin & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

For paving Ludlow street from Stanton street to North street and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith & John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For repaving Courtlandt St from Broadway to West street and Abraham Dally Cornelius McLean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For paving Grand street at Williamsburgh Ferry and John Slidell Abm Le Foy and Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

For repaving Cherry street from Catherine street to Pelham street and John Brower Oliver Drake & John Boyce were appointed Assessors

Mr Lozier presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Cross walks be laid in the Sixth ward at the Intersection of the following streets Viz

	Augustus & Chamber Sts	Chamber & Cross Sts
	Cross & Reed Sts	Reed & Elm Sts
	Duane & Elm Sts	Pearl & Elm Sts
[54]	Elm & White Street	Hester & Rynder Sts
	Howard & Rynder Sts	Hester & Orange Sts
	Hester & Mulberry Sts	Hester & Elizabeth Sts
	Elizabeth & Pump Sts	Pump & Mott Sts
	Pump & Mulberry St	Mott & Bayard Sts
	Mott & Cross Sts	Cross & Pearl Sts
	Cross & Duane Sts	Augustus & Duane Sts
	Bayard & Mulberry Sts	

Alderman White presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Greenwich street from Liberty street to Courtlandt street be repaved

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward

Resolved that the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward Report to this Board their opinion of the expediency of removing the Stand for Hackney Coaches from the Bowling Green

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that the Police Committee report to the Common Council a suitable place for a Hay Market for the accommodation of the Farmers adjacent to the City and that said Committee [55] such regulations for the government of the same as they may deem advisable

Alderman Randolph presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side Walks be regulated and paved on the North side of Canal street between Greenwich Street and Hudson street

Mr Valentine agreeably to notice given at the last meeting moved that the Board now reconsider the Vote given on the Report of the Committees on Gas lights—The question being taken will the Board reconsider their Vote it passed in the Negative—Mr Van Wyck then moved that the Committee on Gas Lights be instructed to use Wooden Lamp Posts—The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—Alderman White then presented the following—Resolved that the Special Committee on Gas shall not expend more than Two thousand Dollars in introducing the Gas light into Broadway which was adopted.

[56] The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Acct 23d October	1.89
Recd for streets	19.822.21
" Tax of 1825 & 1826	14.248.27
" Rents	2.186.58
" Justices Courts	493.79
" Wells & Pumps	444.50
" Fines &c of Attorney	174.37
" Fines &c of Sherriff	130.
	$37.501.61

91 Accounts audited

Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1st Dist	1240.75
Clark & Hibbard 2d	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly 3d	768.25
Docr Wm Hibbard attending J Van Benchoten A Watchman	30.

J Morton Clerk C C Salary 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	500.
A B Martling Keeper City Hall Salary to 1 Inst.....	300.
S McCormick Inspector of Hacks 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	100.
C Myers Keeper of Pottersfield 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	69.75
Astin & Higbie Messengers " "	62.
J Burger reg 4 Public Clocks 1 Qr "	50.
Ob Ayres Asst City Inspector 1 Mo "	45.50
J Coffin do " "	45.50
C Gillman *Kepper* [Keeper] Battery " "	31.
A McCready Keeper Park " "	31.
G Lathrop St Inspector 1st Ward " "	38.75
P. Wright do 2d " "	38.75
[57] J. B. Ebbets do 3d " " "	38.75
N B Lyon do 4th " " "	38.75
I A Isaacs do 5th " " "	38.75
J M Thomas do 6th " " "	38.75
B Fuller do 7th " " "	38.75
J Stephens do 8th " " "	38.75
H Mott do 9th " " "	38.75
D Hubbard do 10th " " "	38.75
J Woodruff do 11th " " "	38.75
A B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences Corporation 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	330.07
Manhattan Company Water Markets & Jail to 1 May 1827	132.50
Durand Wright & Co Plate & printing Invitation Cards 4 July	70.
Jas G Finn Sunday service 4th Ward 26 days to 1s Novr..	39.
Fred: Seely do do " " ..	39.
J Morton C C Council Hack hire.....	28.
J Morton do for Secretary of State sundry Copies of Laws &c.....	8.54
O M Lownds Sheriff for officers attending Courts 1 Qur 1 Inst	1817.50
S Montgomery for Officers sevs Subponas " "	356.29
A B Martling Keeper City Hall expens of Court & Ju[r]y late Trial	227.75
J Fleming Treasur to pay witnesses ordered by Court.....	13.
J Coffin Asst City Inspector removing Nuisances 1 Qr 1 Inst.....	62.54
B Hicks Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 Inst.....	45.50
J Pinckney " " " "	45.50
John M Bloodgood Super streets 1 Qur 1 Inst.....	375.
Jacob Rappleyea Asst do " "	250.
Abm Leggett work of Mud Scow 2 weeks to 5 Inst.....	174.57
John Montgomery Stationer 1 Qutr 1 Novr.....	135.51
[58] Daily Advertiser Subscription 6 Mo 1 Novr.....	50.
Mercantile Advertiser do 3 " "	25.
Wm Gee posting Bills 1 Qr "	25.25

L Baum	Clerk	Washington Market	1	Mo	1	Inst	75.42
J Bremner	"	Catherin	"	"	"		62.
J Gilbert	"	3 Markets		"	"		58.
P Ammerman	"	"		"	"		48.50
G Duryea	"	Fulton	"	"	"		41.67
I Aaten sweeper		do	"	"	"		38.59
R Smith Clerk		Franklin	"	"	"		38.75
G Snethen Lighting Lamps				"	"		1008.92
J Dunn & Sons repairing Lamps				1	Qr	1 Octr	358.16
R Provoost repairing Lamps				1	Mo	1 Inst	178.30
Van *Deusen* [Duzer] & Carman		Work at Lamps	1	Qr	"		113.82
Geo: B Thorp	Keeper	City Prison & Asst	1	Qr	"		450.
J Hammond	Justice	1. 2. 3 Wards	1	Qr	"		400.
E Morrill	do	4. 6 "		"	"		400.
H Scovill	do	7. 10 "		"	"		400.
D M Cowdry	Clerk	Court 1. 2. 3 Wards		"	"		187.50
G Betts	do	do 4. 6		"	"		187.50
Wm H Smith	do	7. 10		"	"		187.50
W Sherwood	Rent for	Court 1. 2. 3		"	"		45.
A Young		do 4. 6		"	"		32.50
J Howard		do 5. 8		"	"		25.

Thos W Ludlow on Acct of Alfred S Pell award closing Greenwich lane ..... 2418.

J Pinkerton Acct reg & pav Bond St Broadway to Bowery 1909.

J Sloan Acct reg & pav Wooster St fm Bleecker to 4th St.. 340.

[59] J Mehan Acct repav Water St fm Coenties to Old Slip 250.

T Cumming Acct pav Christie St fm Hudson to Assyrium... 209.

R Ferguson bal reg Houston St fm Broadway to Bowery.. 159.68

T Cumming Acct pav Cornelia St fm Herring St to Ludlows line ..... 150.

J Bailey Acct pav side walks 1st Street btwn Bowery & 1st Avenue ..... 139.

J Pinkerton Acct repav Broad & Beaver Sts ..... 139.

J Anderson Acct build Pier Courtlandt Slip 326.66

G Lovett build & pave bulkhead Duane Slip ..... 750.

Morris L Marein for 2 Leases Estate W G Miller 30 Nov 1824 ..... 5.

S Fargay repairs Intersections 2 Ward 45. 25

J Williams Balance filling Petersfield 264. 37

A Turk weighing 2 Iron Columns for Battery Fence..... 30.

J Dodge Acct Well & Pump Columbia near Livingston St. 350.

J Gallagher Sunr bal Well Allen near Livingston St. .. 11. 75

J Gallagher Sunr on pav Well King btwn McDougal & Varick Sts 45

P Dunn 1st pav Well Greenwich & Amos Sts. 40.25

J Gallagher Sunr bal Well Columbia near Livingston St. 37.25

T Cumming 1st pav Well 1st St near 1st Avenue 38.25

R Graves & Com for repairs Roads ..... 500.

A Burtis	Super	Alms House for working Convicts.....	2000.	
A Burtis	do	for Alms House.....	5000.	31.468.49
		Balance		$6033.12

The Board adjourned to Monday 20th Novemr at 5 OClock P M
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[61] In Common Council 20th November 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Alderman	Assistant
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
William A Davis	John R Peters
	Abraham M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

The following Report of Nicholas Dean Clerk of the City & County of New York of persons Elected to Office at the late Charter Election was presented and read—And the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give notice to the persons Elected to attend at the Common Council Chamber on the last Monday of December at 12 OClock to take Oath prescribed by Law

[62] I Nicholas Dean Clerk of the City and County of New York do Certify that by the returns filed in my Office it appears that at an Election held in the City and County of New York on the first Monday of November in the year One thousand eight hundred & twenty six and on the two succeeding days inclusive the following persons were elected Charter Officers in the several wards of the said City that is to say

Of the First Ward		Second Ward	
John Y Cebra	Alderman	Samuel Gilford Junr	Alderman
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	William W Mott	Assistant
Jeromus Johnson	Assessors	John Leonard	Assessors
John H Bailey	Constables	Thomas Richards	
Richard S Clark		Henry W Peckwell	Collector
Robert Graham	Collector	John Wintringham	Constables
Daniel J Ebbets		Richard Ellis	

Third Ward		Fourth Ward	
Campbell P White	Alderman	John Agnew	Alderman
Pierre C Van Wyck	Assistant	Isaac Brown	Assistant
Nathaniel C Griffith, Isaac Graham	Assessors	Peter McCartee, Lewis Seymour	Assessors
Abraham King	Collector	William Benjamin	Collector
Henry Graham, Andrew Van Orden Junr	Constables	James G Finn, Frederick Seely	Constables
[63] Fifth Ward		**Sixth Ward**	
Anthony Lamb	Alderman	John Lozier	Alderman
John Shepherd Junr	Assistant	James Lynch	Assistant
Leonard Warner, Albert Journay	Assessors	Isaac J Lockwood, Cornelius McLean	Assessors
Cyrus Bedell, William C Scott	Constables	Thomas Mooney	Collector
William Berrian	Collector	Caleb Crane, Thomas Parker	Constables
Seventh Ward		**Eighth Ward**	
Jameson Cox	Alderman	Stuart F Randolph	Alderman
William S Coe	Assistant	Thomas T Woodruff	Assistant
Caleb Fordham, Daniel Dusenbury	Assessors	William T Slocum, Azariah Ross	Assessors
Morris Oakley	Collector	Samuel Y Clark	Collector
Robert Philips, William Rhodes	Constables	Elisha Barton, Cornelius Stagg	Constables
Ninth Ward		**Tenth Ward**	
Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	Gideon Ostrander	Alderman
John R Peters	Assistant	Abraham M Valentine	Assistant
Jeremiah Pangburn, Alexander Coffin Junr	Assessors	John Drake, Isaac Halsey	Assessors
Calvin Griswold	Collector	John Palmer	Collector
Andrew Sinclair, Henry T Jollie	Constables	William F. Stevenson, Nehemiah Ludlum	Constables
[64] Eleventh Ward		**Twelfth Ward**	
Lemuel Pitman	Alderman	Effingham Schieffelin	Alderman
Jeremiah Dodge	Assistant	Henry Storms	Assistant
Jonothan Brown, William Lee	Assessors	Isaac L Varian, John Adriance	Assessors
Peter Pinckney	Collector	Epenetus Dougaty	Collector
Jedediah Thomas, John W Timpson	Constables	Benjamin Stewart, Elisha Kingsland	Constables

New York 11th Novr 1826

N Dean Clerk of
City & County of N York

A Petition of Henry Hanshee to be permitted to keep a Butchers Stall in the vicinity of Bleecker & Wooster streets was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Michael Winters to have monies repaid to him which was paid into the Treasury by the Public Administrator belonging to the Estate of Bernard Brady was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of John Day and others to have the side walks of Ridge street from Rivington to North street flagged was read and referred to the Street Committee

[65] A Communication was received from John Boyce resigning his Office as Pound Keeper of the Eleventh ward was read and Accepted

A Petition of Oliver Hibbard to be appointed Keeper of the Pound in the place of John Boyce resigned was read and the Board proceeded to Ballot when Oliver Hibbard was chosen Keeper of the Pound in the Eleventh Ward

A Petition of Richard Smith to be appointed Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Abraham Stagg to be paid for Materials in repaving Ridge street near Rivington street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Anderson to be paid for Materials used in repaving Ridge street near Stanton street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of James W Dominick to purchase or Lease the Lot & building known as the Old Watch House at Chatham square was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[66] A Petition of Jeduthan Snow and Eliza his wife for remission of a fine for selling second hand articles without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Stephen McCormick Inspector of Hacks for an increase of Salary was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Petition of the Administrator to the Estate of D A Lambert for an extension of time to pay Assessment for opening La Fayette place was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Nicholas Fish & others for an extension of the City Watch in the 11th Ward was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Daniel Dayton and others for the removal of a Porch erected over the cellar door of the house N° 210 Bowery was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John Gregory to be appointed a Wood Inspector between Conties Slip & the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

[67] A Petition of Jacob Ridabock for permission to occupy Stall N° 52 Washington Market formerly occupied by Peter Bencel was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Hopper to be appointed a Collector of Assessments was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Benj[n] B Gallagher to be appointed a Weigh Master to Saul Alleys stores N° 268 Front street & 291 Water street was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of the Clerks of the Election of the different Wards for additional compensation of $1. per day was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of sundry persons for the removal of the Hay Scales adjoining the Duane Street Market was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Daniel Morgan for the Office of Inspector of Fire wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Israel Purdy for remission of a fine incurred for selling second hand [68] Articles without licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

An Invitation was received from a Committee of the Catholic Benovelent Society to attend the opening of the Orphan Assylum in Prince street which was accepted and the Invitation to be filed

A Petition of Dunbar Sloan for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and laid on the table

A Petition of John Starr to be permitted to occupy the Stall lately occupied by his late father N° 4 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Astin & David Higby to have some assistance in making the fires in the Hall during the Winter was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

The Alderman and Assistant of the 7[th] Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Hugh & Peter Smith for compensation for removing Dirt from Banker street presented the following report in favor of the same

[69] The Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward to whom was referred the Petition of Hugh & Peter Smith for compensation for

removing Dirt from Bancker street Report that some time in the Month of December last the then Alderman & Assistant directed the Street Inspector to have the dirt in said street thoroughly scraped in heaps by the Inhabitants which was done, that after remaining in that situation for a length of time and the contractor not removing the same, they directed the Inspector to have it removed at the Contractors expence, pursuant to the 17th Section of the Law for the removal of Filth & Dirt, he accordingly employed the Petitioners for the above purpose who removed 80 Load for which they charged 25 Cents per Load making the sum of $20—they presented the Bill to the Contractor who refused to pay the same—A suit was instituted before Harris Scovell Esqr Assistant Justice for the 7 & 10 Wards a Jury trial was had & the Complainants were nonsuited on the ground that the contractor had not been notified in writing to remove the same, which consequently threw the cost of Court upon the Petitioners which amounted to $5 19/100 Dollars they are of opinion the Petitioners ought not to suffer the Loss in consequence of a decision being given against them—And accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller [70] report a Warrant in favor of Hugh & Peter Smith for $25 19/100 Respectfully submitted

Jameson Cox
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Chairman of the Law Committee presented the draft of a Law on Interments for the consideration of the Board—After some discussion it was laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members of the Board

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleaning the streets presented the following Report with a Statement of the Acts of the Superintendant of Streets with the Corporation

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of cleaning the streets respectfully Report—That they have examined the accounts of the Superintendant and submit herewith (annexed) a Statement rendered by him for the second Quarter Viz from the 1st day of August to the 31st October inclusive, shewing a gain to the Corporation in the last quarter of $390 12/100 Three hundred Ninety dollars twelve cents and leaving a balance against the Corporation for the six months past of Sixty four dollars four Cents per Statement. There is [71] now due the corporation for manure sold and delivered Out standing about Six thousand dollars. all of which is considered

safe and will (with a Little indulgence) be collected without difficulty

The demand for manure has and will continue to regulate the price, Keeping the City clear from the Nuisance and avoid the expence of heaping it, And your Committee confidently expect that the result of this years experiment will show that under the present system, the streets may be kept clean, and the proceeds of the Manure collected will about defray the expence

Respectfully submitted

Mth Reed
William S Coe
John Agnew

Which was accepted and directed to be filed

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of regulating and paving several streets in Greenwich Village presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of regulating and paving several Streets in Greenwich Village Report that in their opinion it is necessary and proper that those streets should be severally paved and accordingly recommend [72] the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Christopher street be regulated and paved from Asylum Street to Greenwich Lane—that Factory street and Asylum street be severally paved from Christopher street to Bank street and also that Hammond street be regulated and paved from Asylum street to Greenwich Lane

Jacob P Taylor
William S Coe
Campbell P White
Gideon Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Road Committee to whom was referred a Petition of the Inhabitants of Yorkville and praying the Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Road Committee to whom was referred a Petition of the Inhabitants of York Ville & its vicinity praying the street [illegible] also the commutation of certain Inhabitants against said Petitioners Report That very considerable improvements have been made—a large expenditure of money in the construction of houses—and a considerable population located at York Ville—That a natural consequence of the increase population & [illegible]

justly enumerated, a Road to the River, by the most convenient rout, as a mean[s] of obtaining the various supplies, for Manufacturing and other purposes—Your Committee are aware, that in granting the prayer of the Petitioners there may be an interference with the rights of others: But on a full view of the present case, they are satisfied that particular or personal interest should give way to that of the Public—They beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board take measures for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening 79th street from the 5th Avenue to the East River

William A Davis
Jacob B Taylor
John Yates Cebra
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips presented the following Report on Petitions of sundry persons for Office of Inspector of Fire wood

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petitions of sundry persons to be appointed to the Office of Inspector of Firewood

Respectfully report that a Vacancy [74] has been occasioned in the Office of Inspector of Fire wood for District Number One by the death of John Pinckney, and your Committee recommend a selection to fill said vacancy from the names of the following Applicants, all of whom your Committee are of opinion from the information they have been able to obtain, are well qualified to execute the duties of said Office—to wit—James Seaman Nathaniel Slosson, Thomas Bennet, David Renny, James N Jones, Joseph Horn, John Phyfe Amos Bacon, William Badeau John Ewen & Whitfield Case

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved—the Board then proceeded to Ballot for the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Pinckney when John Ewen was chosen Inspector of Fire wood of first District & it was Resolved that John Ewen be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Firewood for 1st District

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer ce[r]-tifying the vacancies and Resignations accepted

[75] Fire Engine Company

N° 7

Lewis De Forrest Tailor, Madison Street
V. James Henniger—Resigned

N° 14

Theodore Buddington Tailor Co[r] Barclay & West S[t]
V[c] Charles J Holmes—Resigned

N° 22

William M[c]Donald Cooper 72 Chrystie S[t]
V[c] William Trumper—Resigned

N° 32

Timothy Weeks Cartman Willet near North S[t]
V[c] James G Reynolds—Time expired
John Boyce—Chair Maker 152 Christie S[t]
V[c] Richard Cornwall—Time expired

N° 34

John Minturn Mason Christopher S[t]
V[c] George Lippencott—Resigned
George W Fash Mason Van Dam street
V[c] William Wilson—Resigned
James Beck Cartman Bedford S[t] V[c] William Lake—Resigned
Walter Galloway Mason Charles S[t] V[c] Isaac Fairchild—Resigned

N° 40

Charles Good—Baker 45 Mulberry S[t]
V[c] Cyrus Baldwin—Resigned

[76] N° 44

David Brown Shipwright, Columbia near Rivington S[t]
V[c] Cornelius Winant Resigned

Fire Hose C°

N° 1

Sinclair Tousey Taylor 99 John S[t]
V[c] Peter P Bertine—Resigned

Fire Engine C° N° 2

Philander P Holcomb & John Lyon Jun[r] Resigned

N° 26

John Van Horne—Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder C° N° 5

James Myers & Thomas H Bassitt—Resigned

The Counsel presented a draught of answer in Chancery to suit of Stephen Whitney as follows

The Counsel respectfully reports, that he has prepared the enclosed draft of an Answer in Chancery in the case of the Corporation at the suit of Stephen Whitney, respecting certain assessments for regulating Lombardy Street, The same is submitted in order that it may be directed to be authenticated in the usual manner, after being engrossed and during the recess of the Board

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

[77] Whereupon it was ordered that the Answer be duly authenticated during the recess of the Board

The Counsel also presented for execution the following Leases for property sold for Non payment of Taxes

The Counsel herewith presents for execution the following Leases of Lands sold for taxes viz[t]

1. A Lease to Abraham Labagh for a Lot of ground in the Ninth Ward on Amos Street, assessed as belonging to Hector Scott, sold on the 10[th] November 1824 for 20 years for $14

2. A Lease to the same, of a lot of ground in the Ninth Ward on Charles Street, assessed as belonging to the Widow Funday, sold at the same time for 15 years for $15 $^{60}/_{100}$

3. A Lease to James Morange of a Lot in the Eighth Ward on the North side of Broome Street between Clark & Sullivan streets designated on the Public Map of the Ward as number 2785 Assessed as belonging to Christopher M[c]Guire, sold at the same time 6 years for $17.$^{7}/_{100}$

4. A Lease to the same of Number 152 Maiden Lane sold at the same time for one year for $30,$^{61}/_{100}$

5. A Lease to David Whiting of Number 232 Orange street sold at the same time for one year for $23,$^{20}/_{100}$

6. A Lease to the same of a Lot in the Ninth Ward in the Manhattanville division, assessed as belonging to Gilbert Myers sold at the same time for 4 years for $13 $^{61}/_{100}$

7. A Lease to the same of the House & Lot in the rear of N[o] 41 Ferry street sold at the same time for 2 years for $16 $^{55}/_{100}$

8. [78] A Lease to John E Mowatt for a House & Lot in the former Ninth Ward on the Southampton Road assessed as belonging to the Estate of Philip Palstafz sold at the same time for Eleven years for $14 $^{54}/_{100}$

9. A Lease to the same of 3 Lots in the former Ninth Ward on the Fitz Roy road assessed as belonging to Albert Chrystie sold at the same time for 20 years for $13.$^{9}/_{100}$

10. A Lease to the same of 2 Lots in the former Ninth Ward a[t] Kipps Bay assessed as belonging to C Kipp sold at the same time for 25 years for $14 $^{1}/_{100}$

11. A Lease to the same of a Lot in the Eighth Ward being 591 on the Map of said Ward in the Street Commissioners Office assessed as belonging to A Megan sold at the same time for 15 years for $16 $^{9}/_{100}$

12. A Lease to the same of a Lot in the Eighth Ward being number 779 on the public Map of said Ward assessed as belonging to Michael Evans sold at the same time for 18 years for $14 $^{34}/_{100}$

13. A Lease to Rogers Williams of a Lot in the Tenth Ward designated on the Public Map of said Ward as number 1503 assessed as belonging to Thomas Cooper sold at the same time for 14 years for $15 $^{72}/_{100}$

14. A Lease to Oliver Howell of Ten Lots in the 9th Ward assessed as belonging to John K Vanderbilt sold at the same time for 12 years for $16 $^{8}/_{100}$

15 [79] A Lease to John Williams for a Factory & Lot of ground in the 10th Ward on the south side of Broome street between Goerick and Mangin streets assessed as belonging to John T Youle sold at the same [time] for six years for $17 $^{8}/_{100}$

16. A Lease to John Williams of a Lot in the Ninth Ward on Hammond street assessed as belonging to Robert C Smith sold at the same time for 4 years for $14.54

17. A Lease to David Randall of Three Lots of land in the 9th Ward on the West side of the Bowery near Art street assessed as belonging to F Shonnard sold at the same time for 6 years for $18.$^{75}/_{100}$

These peices of property not having been redeemed and the time for redemption having expired. These Leases are made out by direction of the Street Commissioner Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Vizt

For paving Houston street from Broadway to Crossby street and Abraham Dally Cornelius McLean & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

For laying the side Walks in Wooster street from Spring street to Prince street and John Towt David Lyon and James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

[80] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances 41 in number

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

No	1.	H Hutchings	Owner	No	29 Charlton st	A privy
	2.	T Whittemore	Do		67 Cliff St	do
	3.	J G Wendell	Do		37 Ferry St	do
	4.	J Bielle	Occupt		45 Gold St	do
	5.	M Hitchcock	Owner		73 do	do
	6.	T Quick	do		Gold & Beekman St	do
	7.	J Chesterman	do	No	25 John St	do
	8.	P Allaire	do		31 do	do
	9.	A June	do		77 do	do
	10.	M Cregier	do		33 Liberty St	do
	11.	Mrs White	do		68 Nassau St	do
	12.	A Florentine	do		84 do	do
	13.	E Benedict	do		Nassau & Liberty	do
	14.	A Campbell	do	No	418 Pearl St	do
	15.	G. MKay	do		11 Spruce St	do
	16	Js Moore	do		33 do	do
	17.	Wm Wallace	do		103 William St	do
	18.	M F Curry	do		115 do	do
	19	W Thompson	do		129 do	do
	20.	G Cruickshank	do		131 do	do
	21	Wm Bradford	do		137 do	do
	22	E Hunter	do		183 do	do
	23.	A Johnson	do		171 do	do
	24.	[81] J R Livingston	do		Lewis street	do
	25.	J Seely	do		Willett St	do
	26.	Wm Nelson	do		Pitt St	do
	27.	W E Craft	do		Broome St	do
	28.	E J Webb	do		Hudson St	do
	29	Asa Hall	do		do	do
	30.	Do	do		Charles St	do
	31.	Wm W Gilbert	do		Do	do
	32.	D S Jones	do		Amity St	do
	33.	James Jarvis	do		do	do
	34.	Josh Moore	do		Greenwich St	do

35	Mrs Marx	Owner	Broadway	A privy
36	Mr Lovett	do	Wooster St	do
37.	Saml Boyd	Agent	Factory St	do
38.	Watts & Winant	Owner	Sheriff St	do
39.	Ths Gibbons	do	Harman St	do
40	Chs McEvers	do	Elizabeth St	do
41.	George Higgins	Lessee	Spruce St	do

George Cuming
City Inspector

Which were passed

Mr Pittman presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Cross walks be laid at the intersections of all the paved streets in the Eleventh ward in which they have not been already laid and that the Street Commissioner report the draft of an Ordinance accordingly

[82] Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to receive and provide refreshments for the Officers of the Militia who will be on duty the 25th November next—The Mayor appointed on that Committee Alderman White, Cebra Mr Arcularius Coe & Peters

Mr Van Wyck presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks on the Southerly side of Chamber street between Washington & West streets be regulated and Paved

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the side walks in Bleecker street be paved between Broadway and the Bowery

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Law Committee for three hundred dollars for the purpose of employing Counsel and defraying the expences in defending the Indictments against [Joshua] Messereau in the State of New Jersey

[83] Alderman White presented the following which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Resolved that it is expedient to apply to the Legislature at their next Session for an Act to alter the time of holding the Election of Charter Officers in the City of New York

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that the side walks in Charlton street be flagged or paved

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board it is expedient to pass a Law requiring all persons who sell fish or vegetables through the streets of this City to take out a Licence for the priviledge of using any Hand Cart, barrow, Horse Cart or Waggon for conveying the same—and that such should not be granted to Minors or Aliens—to the end that the monstrous depravity brought upon Minors engaged in these callings, and their brutality towards their Horses may be corrected and the Public have to deal with men responsible to the laws of the City

Alderman Agnew presented the following [84] preamble and Resolution which was adopted

Whereas the Governor of this State has by his Proclamation of the 25th October last recommended to the People of this State the observance of Thursday the 7th of December next as a day of Public prayer & Thanksgiving to Almighty God for his great goodness during the past year; and this Board concurring in the propriety of the said recommendation

Resolved that it be recommended by this Board to the Citizens and Inhabitants of this City to observe the said day in the manner above mentioned

Mr Arcularius presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that the Police Committee inquire & Report on the propriety of reorganizing the Police Department by Establishing two branches to be located at the Watch Houses of the Second and Third Districts each having Justices Clerks and Marshals to attend during the day time, and the department to have a Justice to attend at the Watch house of each district during the night to determine on the cases brought up by the Watch, and to report whether the Captains of the Watch ought not to be relieved from the duty and responsibility of determining cases and from Keeping persons in custody during night except on command of the Officiating Justice of the Police

[85] Mr Arcularius presented the following which was referred to the Police Committee and the Committee on Lands and Places

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee and the Committee on Lands & Places to inquire and report to this Board; on the propriety of changing the mode of subsisting the Paupers of the City & County of New York from the present Alms House plan, by substituting a Public Farm bordering on the shore of one of our Rivers, with suitable buildings, and with apartments appropriately organized, in which the labour of paupers and others under a proper classification and supervision of a Superintendant and assistants & a Committee of the Common Council, may be made productive, in a great measure, if not wholly to support the Establishment, it having a division of labour in agriculture, horticulture, and the necessary Mechanic Arts, and such other labour as may be deemed requisite and necessary from both male and female—To take into consideration also the expediency of connecting with the farm a small Steam Boat and a suitable number of Scows to transport from the City to the Farm the surplus street manure, Kitchen Offals and Garbage, together with stray animals found roaming about the streets to designated places and to bring to the City Markets any surplus produce of the Farm and for such other purposes as may be found necessary: to consider and report the probable cost of erecting such an establishment, the tendancy to public benefit it would have over the [86] present mode and such other considerations as an inquiry into this subject may point out as important to be known

An Invitation was received from Major General Morton to the Members of the Common Council to the review of the Troops which will be on duty on the 25th Inst Which was accepted

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the Board went into the consideration of the Report of the Street Committee on the subject of regulating the grounds between North & Fourteenth streets the Bowery and the East river—After some discussion it was agreed to postpone the further consideration till Monday next to which time the Board agreed to adjourn and this subject was made the special order of the day for that Meeting—Mr Valentine moved that the Original Report of the Commissioners Messrs Adrain Renwick & Swift be printed for the use of the Members which was agreed to—It was also Resolved that the remonstrance of N Brown and others against Canals being constructed be printed—Agreed to

The Recorder then presented the following Resolution which was adopted—Resolved that the Street Commissioner furnish to the members of this Board an estimate of the number of Lots which will be [87] required to be filled up and the average expence attending

such filling—And that such estimate include the expence of filling the several Streets and Avenues between North & Fourteenth streets & the Bowery & the East River

Mr Peters the[n] presented the following which was adopted—Resolved that the Street Commissioner prepare & furnish a Calculation of the quantity of Earth which will be required to carry the water over the whole grounds to the centre of the same into one Large Canal provided the same can be furnished to the Board at their next meeting

Mr Engs gave notice that he would call up the Report on proposed South Ferry at next meeting of the Board

Mr Peters also gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move that they go into the appointment of Visiting Surgeon & Physician of the Alms House

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Actt 6th Inst	$6.033.12
Recd for Streets	21.313.81
" " Rents	3.525.71
" " Tax of 1826	3.000.
" " Police Office	932.17
[88]" Commutation Alien Passengers	625.
" Justices Courts	428.03
" Wells & Pumps	320.91
" Mayoralty Fees	148.50
	$36.327.25

73 Accounts audited & ordered to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1e Dist	1240.75
Clark & Hibbard do 2d "	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly do 3d "	768.25
G N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qur Salary 15th Inst	400.
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs do 14th Inst	300.
J Leonard furnishs Lists Passengers 6 Mo 1 Inst	50.
Wm Rhodes sunday service 7 Ward 45 days to 13th Inst.	67.50
Andrew Sinclair do 9 Ward 16 days to 20th Sept.	24.
S Fleet do 8 Ward 13 days to 1 Novr	19.50
J Morton C C C for Hack hire	7.
John J Howe Physician City Prison 1 Qr 1 Inst	75.
P H Schenck for Inspectors & Clerks Election 1st Ward	68.
B Howe do 2d "	52.
R Hatfield do 3d "	60.
J Baker do 4th "	52.
G Conklin do 5th "	60.
W Alburtis do 6th "	68.
A Dally do 7th "	60.
T Morris do 9th "	60.

E T Pinckney for Inspectors & Clerks Election 10th Ward.. 60.
[89] W Thompson do 11th " .. 60.
J Flanagan do 12th " .. 60.
A Dally for canvassers of Election..... 36.
J Sidell First Marshal to pay Officers Attends Election.... 290.
A Leggett Work Mud Scow 2 Weeks to 19th Inst..... 120.50
J H Hill Cashr for 48 Casks Oil bot of J Coleman..... 1305.52
P & H Van Pelt printing 1 Qutr 1 Inst..... 402.
Daniel D Smith Stationary..... 109.88
J Pollock filling 4 Lots cor Herring & Minetto Sts Lien.. 456.60
O Smith do 4 Lots cor Grand & Wooster Sts Lien.... 315.70
Geo: H Cook Tax remitted 5th Ward for 1825..... 35.10
H Meigs Justice 5. 8 Wards 1 Qur Salary 1 Inst..... 400.
J Campbell Clerk " " " 187.50
H Maxwell Dist Attorney 1 Qutr 12 Inst..... 625.
R Hatfield Clk Sessions 1 Qur 12th Inst with additions.... 625.
R Hatfield do to pay Witnesses..... 30.50
J P Roome crier of Court 1 Qur 2d Inst..... 50.
J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qur Salary 12th Inst.... 400.
H Abell do do .... 400.
S Ovutt do do .... 400.
S L Hommedieu Clk Police do 312.50
R Stephens Asst Clerk do .... 250.
S L Hommedieu Clk do Expences 6 Mo " Balance..... 37.39
H Smith Actt reg & pav Henry St frm Clinton to Grand St..... 1000.
J Pinkerton Actt reg & pav Bond St frm Brdway to Bowery 400.
O Smith " " Willet St fm Stanton to North St..... 370.
[90] T Cumming Actt pav Christopher St fr Hudson to Assylum St..... 330.
J Sloan Actt reg & pav Wooster St from Bleecker to 4th St 200.
J Bailey Actt reg & pav Attorney St fm Stanton to North St..... 200.
J Mehan Actt repav Water fm Broad to Whitehall St..... 130.
S Burgess making Bulkhead at Bank St..... 41.63
J Appley return on 2 Lots sold for Taxes 10 Novr 1824.... 38.16
T R Ludlum do on Lot do do " " 16.37
M M Quackenboss do do do 28 Decr 1825.... 7.
R Pettigrew for a Well in Essex near Stanton St..... 109.
J Dodge Acct Well & Pump Columbia near Rivington St... 100.
J Gallagher Senr 1st payt Well Chrystie near Broome St... 80.
J Gallagher Senr bal Well Ridge near Broome St..... 68.31
R Pettigrew 1s payt Well Wooster near Amity St..... 63.58
J Gallagher Junr bal Well Ludlow n Delancy St..... 57.75
J Anderson bal builds Piers Walnut St..... 717.06
B Birdsall 2d payt Iron fence at Battery..... 3000.
G Tucker 2d payt Stone work do ..... 2000.
S Cornell return Money for part of old fence at Battery... 96.84

J. P. Roome	Super	Repairs for Fire Department.....	1000.	
J. P Roome	do	Repairs	600.	
J. P Roome	do	Streets	375.	
J. P Roome	do	Lamps	250.	
J. P Roome	do	Pump Departments	200.	
J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 Novr on Actt			13.000.	
O Hibberd. J Trenchard. G Weddes Reward for Apprehending the person who stabbed J Van Benschoten a Watchman			100.	36.173.64
		Balance		$153.61

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[92] Special Meeting In Common Council 27 Novemr 1826

Present—The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Alderman	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Henry Arcularius
John Agnew	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Gideon Ostrander	Philip W Engs
William A Davis	John R Peters
Jacob B Taylor	Abraham M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the following Letter and Resolution from the Honbl James Tallmage Lieutenant Governor & President of the Senate

Poughkeepsie Novemr 22d 1826

Sir

I have the honor to communicate to you the [93] enclosed resolution which was unanimously passed by the Court for the correction of Errors at the adjournment of its late Meeting in the City of New York—It is with the greatest cheerfulness I comply with the request to communicate the Resolution, because its contents so much accord with my own feeling of admiration and Respect for the Mayor, the Common Council and the Citizens of the City of New York

I beg you to communicate the Resolution to the Common Council with assurances of my highest respect

It has been a Matter of regret with me that I was unable to make the communication at an earlier day—In the hurry of the adjournment the Resolution was misplaced among the papers of the Clerk and he has been obliged to obtain a Copy from the mover and which has only this day been received and which I hasten to transmit

I am with very great respect
Your Obdt Servant
James Tallmadge
President &c &c

Honbl Philip Hone
Mayor of the City of New York

"Resolved that the President of the Senate be requested to communicate to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New York the thanks of the members of the Senate for the civility & hospitality they have [94] received during the recent Session of the Court for the correction of Errors, and to express the gratification felt by them, in witnessing the great and successful efforts for the improvement of the City, so manifest in every part of it, and which evince the liberality enterprize and Patriotism of its municipal authorities" Copy
John F Bacon Clerk

Which were read and directed to be published

A Petition of Jane Gibson to have Lots filled in adjoining her property corner of Carmine & Herring streets was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition and Remonstrance of a number of Inhabitants in the 9th Ward for a Pier and Basin at or near Christopher Street and against a Market at Charlton street was read, the subject respecting a Market was referred to the Market Committee and the subject of the Pier to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of James Teller for the renewal of a Lease of the Old Watch House at the Junction of Chatham & Catherine streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Joseph Morin to be appointed to the Office of Inspector of Lumber [95] was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a Well & Pump corner of Reed and Chapple streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistants of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Ab^{m} D Brinckerhoof to be appointed Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of James Gilbert for remission of a fine for having a Dog in his possession was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Soloman Ostrander for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of a number of Persons for an Increase of the Watchmen in the vicinity of Forsyth Allen & Delancy streets was read and referred to the Watch Committee

The Register of Dogs in and for the City and County of New York presented his accounts which was read and referred to the Police Commtitee [96] for examination

It was now Moved that the Board proceed to the consideration of the subject made the order of the day Viz^{t}—The Report of the Street Committee and other Documents in relation to the regulation of the grounds between North and Fourteenth streets, the Bowery and the East River which was agreed to, the subject being under discussion Alderman Agnew presented the following Resolution—Resolved that the place and report of Edward Doughty City Surveyor as drawn up under the direction of the Street Commissioner and presented to this Board in Common Council September 25. 1826 be and is hereby adopted entire & throughout as the settled plan of the Common Council for the organization & regulation of the N Eastern Section of the City between North & Fourteenth street and the Bowery and the East River

The report of Edward Doughty referred to in the Resolution was as follows

To the Honorable the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty, of the City of New York in Common Council convened

The Surveyor appointed by the Street Commissioner by direction of the Street Committee under a Resolution of the Board passed in [97] December last begs leave to Report

That in compliance with that resolution he has made such examinations of the reports and Maps of the Commissioners under the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York for regulating certain Streets to the Southward of Thirty fourth street, as the nature of the case required; On making these examinations, it appeared to him that the plan might be so altered and amended, as to carry off the waters, and at the same time give general satisfaction, not only to those concerned in the lands affected by the regulation, but also to put a Stop to the unfavourable impression which had been made on the

minds of many of the inhabitants of that part of the City, under the idea of carrying off the waters through covered Sewers with their culverts and ventilators

The directions of the Committee, was to make the surveys and regulations of those streets and avenues, from First to Thirteenth streets, both included, and between the Bowery and the East river, but as there was no regulation fixed to the Eastward of Broadway and the ground at Fourteenth street to the eastward of the First Avenue, being very low, he thought he could not do justice to the subject without extending the survey and regulations to Fourteenth street and Broadway.

The plan he proposed was to widen Sixth and Ninth streets, twenty feet on each side (which would make them one hundred feet wide) commencing at Avenue A and running eastwardly to the permanent Line through [98] these two streets and Fourteenth, being One hundred feet wide, it is proposed to build open Canals of twenty feet wide with smooth plank bottoms tongued & grooved, with walls two feet thick built of Stone on each side, commencing at the depth of six feet below high water mark, or two feet below low water, and raise them to the height of four feet above our regular high water mark as drawn on the profiles; the bottom being below low water, the filth which might accumelate in the Canals would settle to the Bottom, and not become offensive by being exposed to the rays of the Sun, and the bottom being an even surface, would render great facilities in cleansing the Canals, if it should be found necessary

It is further proposed, that these Canals should be ornamented with Iron railings and trees on each side, so as to render those streets a pleasant and desirable residence

Taking those Canals and the Streets through which they pass, as the basis of the plan, the Surveyor has endeavoured to the best of his abilities, to lead the waters by the most direct routes to the Canals with sufficients descents, none of which will be found to be less than nine and one third inches on one hundred feet—Wherever the regulations are more or less than ten inches on one hundred feet descent, they will be found noted on the profiles

[99] A reference to the plan of the ground, and the twenty four profiles of the different streets and Avenues herewith presented, will make every part thereof plain and conspicuous

All which is respectfully submitted

Edward Doughty

Septem^{r} 11. 1826

Alderman White then moved as an Amendment that the words after the word "that" be stricken out and the following inserted "it is Expedient to apply to the Legislature at their next Session to repeal the Act entitled an Act to provide for the permanent regulation of certain streets in the City of New York passed 10th April 1823" After some discussion Alderman White moved the previous question

The President then stated the Question shall the Main question on the Amendment of Alderman White be now taken—a Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford White Agnew Cox Ostrander Mr Bolton Arcularius Lozier Coe Valentine Pittman 13

Negative Ald Taylor Davis Mr Mott Engs Peters Scheiffelin 6

So it was carried in the affirmative—The question [100] was then taken on agreeing to the Amendment and it was carried in the affirmative all the Members present voting in the affirmative excepting Aldm Davis Mr Engs & Mr Schieffelin who voted in the Negative—It was then Resolved that the Resolution proposed by Alderman Agnew and the Amendment of Alderman White which had been agreed to be referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature—The Law Committee and his Honor the Recorder—And the Committee were requested to report as soon as convenient

His Honor the Mayor stated to the Board that he felt it his duty to call the attention of the Board to a nuisance highly dangerous to the Inhabitants which consisted in an open Area at the corner of Broadway & Liberty street on a Lot lately occupied by Mr Smith Prentiss—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Law Committee & the Counsel

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[102] In Common Council 4th Decemr 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
William A Davis	Lemuel Pittman
	E Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of James Farq[u]har to have an Assessment upon his personal property corrected was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Isaac Lucas was received stating that the Areas of four houses built by him in Prince street near Green street are wider (through mistake) than is allowed by Law and praying they may be permitted to remain and for permission to erect an Iron railing which being read was referred to the Street Committee

[103] A Petition of Peter Quidor for the appointment of the office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants for a Well & Pump in 13th Street near Greenwich Lane was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance of the Owners & Occupants of Lots on Canal street between Greenwich street & Hudson streets against paving the side Walks of Canal street was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company praying that the Slip may be deepened or otherwise improved was read and referred to the Ferry & Law Committees

A Petition of sundry persons for a Well & Pump corner of Water and Montgomery streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward

A Petition of the Growers & Pressers of Hay in the Counties of Albany Ransellaer Columbia & Greene for a repeal of the Law of the 31st July last was read and referred to the Police Committee

[104] A Petition of Peter Wilt for Stall No 21 Fulton Market

occupied by Isaac S Schuyler was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas Gillespie for remission of Fine for Keeping an Intelligence Office without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of James B Clark & Silas Butler stating that the rocks under water at Walnut street Slip interfered with the Ferry and praying a different location of the Ferry was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of F Garner for widening the side walks of Cliff street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Abraham Bell & C° for remission of a Fine incurred by Cap[t] Currin Master of Brig Irene for not reporting Alien Passengers was read and referred to the Law Committe

A Petition of William W Chardavoyne for the Office of Collector of Assessments was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

[105] A Petition of George Hoyt to obtain a Butchers Licence was read and referred to the Market Committee

The Committee on the Fire department to whom was referred the Petition of Geo W Murray praying for some compensation for a Well sunk by him in Broadway near the Sailors Snug Harbour presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on the Fire department to whom was referred the Petition of George W Murray praying for Compensation for a Well sunk by him in Broadway near the Sailors Snug Harbour—Respectfully report

that they have given the subject that consideration that it requires and are of the opinion that this Well will not answer the purposes set forth by your Petitioner to wit a permanent supply of Water for the extinguishment of Fire unless the Board should think it advisable to create a Larger expence than the Benefits spoken off would Warrant

Your Committee are of Opinion that the Prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted and accordingly offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

Respectfully submitted

John Agnew
Campbell P White
Samuel Gilford Jun[r]

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[106] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving the Side walks on the Northerly side of Canal street between Hudson and Greenwich streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving the Side walks on the Northerly side of Canal street between Hudson street & Greenwich street Report their opinion by the following Resolution

Resolved that the side walks of Canal street be laid on the Northerly side of that Street between Hudson and Greenwich street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of changing the name of Arundle street to that of Clinton street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of changing the name of Arundle street to that of Clinton street

Report that in their opinion it is necessary & proper that the name of Arundle street be so changed inasmuch as that street is a continuation of Clinton [107] street in a direct line, and much inconvenience arises from that circumstance, particularly to strangers—Your Committee therefore respectfully submit the following resolution

Resolved that the name of Arundle street be changed to that of Clinton street and that in future it be so known and distinguished

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for paving Goerck street between Rivington and Stanton street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Annexed Petition for paving Goerck street between Rivington and Stanton streets

Report that in their opinion the paving of that part of Goerck street is much required and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Goerck street be paved from Rivington to Stanton street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P. White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[108] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving Greenwich street between Liberty and Courtlandt street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving Greenwich street between Liberty street and Courtlandt street Report, that in their opinion that street Ought to be repaved and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Greenwich street be repaved from Liberty street to Courtlandt street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Laying Cross walks in the Sixth Ward presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of laying Cross walks in the intersections of several streets in the Sixth Ward of this City—Report that in their opinion Cross walks are necessary at the intersections of the several streets designated and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

[109] Resolved that cross walks of flat Stones be laid at the intersections of the following streets in the Sixth ward agreeably to the annexed resolution Viz[t]

At the Intersection of Augustus & Chambers—Chambers & Cross—Cross & Reed—Reed & Elm—Duane & Elm—Pearl & Elm—Elm & White—Hester & Rynder—Howard & Rynder—Hester & Orange—Hester & Mulberry—Hester & Elizabeth—Elizabeth & Pump—Pump & Mott—Pump & Mulberry—Mott & Bayard—Mott & Cross—Cross

& Pearl—Cross & Duane—Augustus & Duane—Bayard & Mulberry streets

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the subject of the Washington Parade Ground presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of J C Langdon and others respecting King Street Assessment presented the following report against

[110] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of J C Langdon Thomas Kingrove & M V Beuren respecting King street Assessment

Respectfully Report that they are requested by the Petitioners to afford them leave to withdraw their Petition—Therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Petitioners in regard to King Street have leave to withdraw their Petition—4 Decr 1826

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Harris to have an Assessment corrected presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the accompanying Petition of John Harris praying that a sum assessed in Gross on certain property for opening Sixth street, owned in part by the Petitioner, and in part by other persons praying that an apportionment may be made thereof—Respectfully Report that they have referred the subject in question to the Commissioners [111] who were appointed by the Supreme Court to make the original assessment for the purpose of making a division applied for by the Petitioner which has been performed and is hereunto subjoined and which your Committee wish to be considered as part of their report beleiving the

apportionment made as just and proper—Your Committee therefore propose the following Resolution—Resolved that the subdivision of the Assessment on certain Lands for opening 6th Street as set forth in the list hereunto annexed be approved and accepted by the Common Council

John R Peters
William W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr

	Lots		Owners
* each to pay $39.16	No 23	.....	John Harris
	22	.....	Thos R Mercein
	21	.....	Do
	20	.....	Do
	19	.....	John Harris
	18	.....	Lete Scudder
	17	.....	John Harris
	16	.....	Charles Cummings
	15	.....	Hazlet
	14	.....	George Trotter
	13	.....	Stephen Richard
	12	.....	John C Parrin
[112]	11	.....	Isaac S Hone
	10	.....	Isaac J [S] Hone
$110	9	.....	Thos R Mercein
$80	8	.....	do
$60	7	.....	do
$45	6	.....	John C Parrin
$20	5	.....	John C Parrin

Thos R Mercein has made a calculation which he believes to be correct—to wit that the Assessment on the Lots on 6th Street except the corners should be $48.3/100 each.....	$787. 9
The Corners 101.36.....	202.72
	$990.81
And on the Pi[e]ce of Ground on Burrows near Christopher St.....	42.97
	$1033.78
Benefits	$3062.92
off Damages	2199.67
	$863.75
[*] 14 Lots a $39.16.....	548.24
No 9.....	110.
8.....	80.
7.....	60.

Nº 6	$45.
5	20.
	$863.75

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T R Smith
Reuben Munson
John Towt

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Thompson Junr to be released from his personal Tax presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alexr Thompson Junr Respectfully Report—That the Com Council adopted a report of your Committee 3d April 1826 directing said Thompson to be released from Personal Tax for 1825 except on Six hundred & twenty one Dollars $^{80}/_{100}$ on Personal property and it appears [113] that Mr Thompson paid the whole amount which was assessed upon him & called on the Comptroller to refund who declined because the resolution was to release instead of refund—therefore your Committee recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to issue a Warrant in favor of Alexr Thompson Junr for amount of his personal Tax in 1825 except on six hundred & twenty one dollars & $^{80}/_{100}$

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr
P C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom had been referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society and to whom was referred back for further consideration the Report of the 9th October last presented the following Report—The Report of the 9th of October was as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society of the City of New York in regard to the Assessment for opening Second street

Ask leave to Report that it appears from the subjoined Certificates of John Slidell & Henry Mead two of the Commissioners for opening said Street that the [114] neglect of Mr Daniel Ewen City Surveyor

to designate the ground between 1st & 2d Avenues & 1st & 2d streets which has long been used as a Burial Ground by said Society & its members—the said Commissioners committed an error to the amount of two thirds of the Assessment on said Burying Ground which makes the amount of said Assessment upwards of Five hundred dollars instead of about One hundred & Eighty dollars—Your Committee have examined the Petitioners & Daniel Ewen and are satisfied that said Trustees were not apprised of said Error untill after the Assessment was confirmed and that Daniel Ewen was not aware that it was requisite to designate the ground as a Cemetry—Considering that a new Assessment would impose a great burden upon those who are embraced in said Assessment your Committee believe that justice requires that said Society should be relieved of at least part of said error by directing the Collector to deduct one third from the Amount of the Assessment on said Cemetry & that he collect only two thirds of the same—Your Committee submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that the Collector of the Assessment for opening Second street be directed to deduct one third from the Assessment on the Cemetry of the Methodist Society in the City of New [115] York and to Collect two thirds of the Amount only

9 Octr 1826

John R Peters
Stuart F Randolph
Wm W Mott
Samel Gilford Junr
P C Van Wyck

The Report presented this Meeting was as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society in the City of New York and also their own report referred back for reconsideration Beg leave to Report

That they do not find any case precisely like this nor any precedent w[h]ere allowances have been made by the Corporation in simular cases however as this is a peculiarly hard case your Committee (except Mr Van Wyck who has withdrawn his name) adhere to their former report and referrving to it respectfully submit the resolution offered by them 9th Octr last

New York 24th Novr 1826

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
Samuel Gilford Junr

The Question being taken on agreeing to the Report of 9th October it passed in the Negative

A Division having been called the Members voted as follows In the Negative—Mr Recorder Aldermen Cebra, White, Agnew Lamb Taylor Ostrander Davis Mr Bolton Van Wyck Lozier Coe Valentine—13

[116] In the Affirmative—Mr Mott Engs Peters Pittman Schieffelin—5

Mr Valentine gave notice of Reconsideration

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Proprietors of property on Broad street presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments having duly considered the Petition of sundry proprietors of property on Broad street who complain of the late alterations in said Street and conclude by asking the Corporation to assume the late Assessment—Respectfully report that this Board has heretofore adopted a report of your Committee against interfering with the acts of your predecessors in regard to said street and your Committee do not deem it expedient or consistent with the financial concerns of the City to recommend so dangerous a precedent as the assumption of said Assessment even if the amount had been injudiciously expended—Therefore submit the following Resolution—Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

John R Peters
Stuart F Randolph
Wm W Mott
Saml Gilford Junr
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[117] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Marriners Church to be relieved from an Assessment presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of a Committee of the Marriners Church ask leave to report

That your Committee have duly considered the subject, and while they appreciate & highly commend the Benevolent exertions of the Supporters of the Marriners Church they are constrained to say that it is not consistent with their duty as Guardians of the Public interests of the City to divert the Public funds by assuming Assessments for improvements of the property of benevolent Societys because the

number who have equal claims would exaust too much of the City funds—The Committee offer the following resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

John R Peters
Wm W Mott
Saml Gilford Junr
P C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Godfried Boker [118] to have an Error corrected in his Assessment presented the following Report in favor

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Godfried Boker of the Fifth Ward—Respectfully Report that they have examined Mr Boker and are convinced that his personal property ought to have been assessed as Two thousand dollars instead of Twenty thousand dollars as stated in the subjoined Certificate of the Assessors of the Fifth Ward

Therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of J Gottfried Boker for 1825 be remitted or refunded except on Two thousand dollars

J. R Peters
Wm W Mott
Saml Gilford Junr
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of Benjamin N Disbrow John Ferguson Richard Smith Samuel Westervelt Junr and Isaac Loofborrow to be appointed Measurers of Grain presented the following Report.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of [119] Benjamin N Disbrow John Ferguson Richard Smith Samuel Westervelt Junr & Isaac Loofborrow to be appointed Measurers of Grain—Report that they have made particular enquiry as to the character and ability of each of the above petitioners and recommend the appointment of one person from the above names to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Henry T Wheeler

John Lozier
Jameson Cox

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the said Office when Isaac Loofborrow was chosen it was then Resolved that Isaac Loofborrow be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Colonel Marinus Willet to be exempted from payment of Quit rent for three years &c presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Colonel Marinus Willett beg leave respectfully to Report

That it appears your Petitioner received from the Common Council in the year 1789 a Grant of the land under water in front of his ground between Broome & Delancy streets [120] which Grant was not subject to Quit Rent untill 1829 and that subsequently new Grants have been made to him of the same property made to extend the improvements in that part of the City which the Petitioner prays may be also exempted from Quit rent until the year 1829—Your Committee have given the subject full consideration and they are of the opinion that inasmuch as simular grants have been made to the Heirs of Mr Edgar & others it would not be equitable to make a discrimination in favor of the Petitioner and they therefore ask leave to submit the following Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Horace Waldo and Joseph Ripley praying for an Award for opening 32d Street presented the following Report in favor

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Horace Waldo and Joseph Ripley praying that the Board would [121] be pleased to pay to them $222 which was awarded to the Lessees of George C Schroppel by the Commissioners for opening 32d Street—Your Committee are satisfied that the Petitioners are entitled to the said Award and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner apply for a Warrant in favor of the Petitioners for the amount of said Award, upon their

giving their own Bond of indemnity, to be approved by the Counsel of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Anthony Lamb
Campbell P White
Thos Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Elwise for water right in front of his Lot at Old Glass House Point presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of John Elwise for a Water Grant in front of his premises in the 12th Ward

That your Committee think that the prayer of your Petitioner is reasonable, the premises of the petitioner is situated on the Hudson River, at the place called the Old Glass House point, being 100 feet in front

[122] Your Committee therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that Counsel prepare the usual Water Grant to John Elwise, upon the same terms and conditions as are contained in the Grant heretofore made to the Chemical Bank and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

C P White
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Chemical Manufactoring Company for the purchase of a gore of Land presented the following Report in favor

The Finance Committee respectfully report, on the annexed Petition of the Chemical Manufactoring Company, for the purchase of a Gore of Land awarded to the Corporation by virtue of the proceedings for opening 32d Street. That the said Gore of land cost this Corporation the sum of $499 40/100 besides interest from the time that the award for damage were paid; and that it is usual to dispose of gores of Land in such cases, at the sums that the Corporation have had to pay for the same

[123] Your Committee think that the Gore of land in question ought to be disposed of to the said Company, who own the Land in the rear, and they therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel prepare the usual Deed to the Chemical Company for said Gore of Land, for the consideration above named, with interest, and the expences of the conveyance; and that the Deed be authenticated during the recess of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of W L Morse & others late Jurors of the Court of Oyer & Terminer praying for compensation as Jurors presented the following Report against

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of W L Morse & others Jurors of the late Circuit of Oyer & Terminer praying for compensation for their services on the Trial of H Eckford & others beg leave respectfully to Report

That your Committee have given the subject due consideration and while they lament the privations to which the Jury have been necessarily [124] subjected on a trial unexampled as they beleive in duration in the Annals of Criminal Jurisprudence they feel themselves reluctantly compelled to express their decided conviction, that as it is one of our inestimable privileges to be adjudged by our Peers in this free & happy Country; and the sacred duty of every Citizen to serve in that capacity at the call of the proper Authorities: to grant the prayer of the Petitioners would be to establish a dangerous precedent which might in the end lead to frequent and heavy demands on the City Treasury—Your Committee therefore submit the following Resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James W Dominick & James Teller for the renewal of a Lease of the Old Watch House at the junction of Chatham street and Catherine street presented the following Report

[125] The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of James W Dominick and James Teller respecting a small Lot of land belonging to the Corporation fronting on Chatham Square, the Bowery and Catherine street—Your Committee think that the imp[r]ovement of the property fronting on Chatham square and in an uniform manner is desirable in many points of view, and ought to be aided by the Board

Your Committee approve of the plan of improvement designated on the Map herewith submitted by which a row of uniform four story houses will be erected fronting said square—Your Committee think that the property in question ought to be sold upon the condition that such buildings shall be erected thereon by a stated time—The other Lots fronting on said square, with only one exception, are to be built upon in the same manner—The following Resolution is respectfully submitted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorised to contract for the sale of the above Lot, upon the above condition, and such other terms as they may deem expedient or to make sale thereof in such other manner as they may deem most for the Public interest

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
John Agnew
Thos Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[126] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Mo[r]gan to be appointed Inspector of Fire wood presented the following Report

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Morgan to be appointed Inspector of Fire Wood for the 9th Inspection district in the place of John Smith deceased Respectfully Report

That the Petitioner represents, that during the indisposition of Mr Smith, which continued for a number of Months he acted in Mr Smiths place paying over to him one half of the proceeds of the Office—Your Committee have made the necessary enquiries and are satisfied

that the Facts stated in the Petition are true, and that the Petitioner is well qualified for the Office which he solicits they therefore recommend that the said Daniel Morgan be appointed by the Board, Inspector of Fire wood for the said District

All which is respectfully submitted

Anthony Lamb
Jacob B Taylor
Lemuel Pittman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and it was Resolved that Daniel Morgan be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of Fire Wood [127] for the 9th District

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Winters for certain monies belonging to the Estate of Bernard Brady deceased presented the following Report in favor

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed Petition of Michael Winters that it appears that Bernard Bradys estate was administered on by the Public Administrator and that the balance of the Estate has been paid into the City Treasury—The Petitioner Michael Winters has a claim against said estate of $22 5/100 and the affidavits annexed to his Petition are sufficient proof thereof, in the opinion of your Committee—By the Act the monies paid into the City Treasury are held answerable to such persons as shall thereafter appear to be entitled to the same; And your Committee think that a creditor is entitled to the same, at any time before the same is paid to the heirs, And they therefore submit for the consideration of the Board the following resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $22.5/100 in favor of Michael Winters, provided the balance in the Treasury of Bradys estate is equal to that Amount—All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

[128] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Clement C Moore for a Water Grant presented the following Report

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the annexed petition of Clement C Moore for a Water Grant opposite to his premises on the Hudson River, that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted according

to the terms of the following Resolution which is submitted for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Water Grant to Clement C Moore from 21st to 22d streets upon the same terms and conditions, as are contained in the Water Grant on the North river to the Chemical Bank and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board

All which is respectfully submitted

C P White
Anthony Lamb
Thos Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Davis & Center and Andrew Wilson praying for leave to transfer a [129] Lease presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Davis & Center and Andrew Wilson praying for leave to transfer a Lease beg leave respectfully to Report

That it appears your Petitioners jointly hold a Lease from this Corporation which they are desirous of transferring to Reuben Churchill of this City; and your Committee see no objection to the same being done under the direction of the Counsel of this Board and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to transfer the aforesaid Lease to Reuben Churchill under the direction of the Counsel of this Board

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Langdon & others Clerks of the Election for further compensation presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom [130] was referred the Petition of John Langdon & others Clerks of the Election beg leave respectfully to Report

That the Petitioners state their duties were most arduous at the late Election; being obliged to keep Poll Books and in some of the Wards the votes were not finally canvassed until 12 O Clock at night of the fourth day—and they therefore pray that the Common Council would be pleased to allow them One Dollar per day in addition to their present pay

Your Committee find that formerly the Clerks of Election in the several Wards were allowed One dollar & fifty Cents per diem. That the Common Council have more recently fixed the allowance at Two dollars per day, for the Clerks and Three Dollars per day for the Inspectors which sum they at present receive for their services under all the circumstances of the case your Committee do not deem it advisable to recommend any additional remuneration to the Petitioners and therefore submit the following resolution to the Common Council

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners

All which is respectfully submitted

Campbell P White
Anthony Lamb
[131] Thomas Bolton
John Agnew

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening & Working the 4th Avenue from 13th to 83d Street and also a remonstrance against the said Petition presented the following Report against the same

The Road Committee to whom was referred a Petition for opening & working the 4th Avenue from 13th to 83d street And also a remonstrance against said Petition beg leave to report—That the reasons urged by the Petitioners is the accommodation of Travellers; and particularly to those who are, and who propose to become residents of Yorkville and Harlaem

Your Committee are of opinion that the 3d & 5th Avenues, which run on either side of Yorkville and one of them in a direct line to Harlaem, are amply sufficient for all the purposes of transportation & travel for a number of years yet to come—Besides your Committee are opposed to opening of Streets and Avenues without a prospect of having them worked And as the 8th 9th & 10th Avenues have been opened, and not regulated or worked, your Committee are satisfied

that it would be inconvenient & improper to open the 4th Avenue at this time—They therefore offer the following Resolution

[132] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners for opening & working the 4th Avenue

Wm A Davis
John Yates Cebra
John Agnew
Jacob B Taylor

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants residing near the State Prison presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of sundry Inhabitants residing near the State Prison relative to Butchers throwing offals in the river was referred Report the draft of a Law to remedy the Nuisan[c]e complained of in the said Petition—Which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Board

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P. C Van Wyck
Wm A Davis

Which was adopted together with the Draft of a Law which was passed under the Title of "A Law to amend the Eleventh section of a Law for the appointment of a City Inspector and proscribing his duties, and to provide for the [133] security of the Public Health"

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Dayton & others for the removal of a Porch erected over the cellar door of the House No 210 Bowery presented a Report together with the draft of a Law, which were laid on the Table for further consideration

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the Law concerning Dogs and also respecting the present Register of Dogs presented the following Report

The Police Committee to whom a Resolution was referred respecting the Law concerning Dogs and also respecting the present Register of Dogs Respectfully Report—That the Law concerning dogs has been partially enforced. That the sum of $250 has been paid in by the present Register—That in the opinion of the Committee the present Law if enforced would be adequate to the objects contemplated by it—And that it would be advisable to select another person to fill the

Office of Register of Dogs in place of the present Incumbent—All which is respectfully submitted

John Yates Cebra
William S Coe
P C Van Wyck
Wm A Davis

[134] Which was approved and the Board upon Motion dispensed with Balloting and it was Resolved that Benjamin Watson be and he is hereby appointed Register of Dogs in and for the City of New York

The Counsel presented the following Resolutions which were adopted

I Resolved that it is desirable for the Public convenience to open Seventy ninth Street in the Twelfth Ward of the City of New York from the Fifth Avenue to the East River and also Twelfth street in the Ninth Ward of the said City from Broadway to Greenwich Lane (the same being streets laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads in the City of New York under & by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed April 3d 1807 and the same is hereby ordered & directed to be done, and that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in order that the same may be carried into effect

II. Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to authenticate the Petitions to the Supreme Court for the above purposes in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

[135] The Counsel presented for execution the following Leases of Lands sold for Taxes & Assessments

The Counsel of the Board herewith respectfully presents for execution the following Leases of Lands sold for Taxes and Assessments

1 A Lease to Adrian H Van Rekeken of a Wharf in the 8th Ward on the South side of South street between Dover & Roosevelt Streets assessed as belonging to Elizabeth Morris sold on the 8th August 1826 for 15 years for $211.34

2 A Lease to Joseph Neilson of 25 Lots in the Ninth Ward on Broadway assessed as belonging to the estate of David Mann sold on the 7th November 1826 for 5 years for $82.34

now submitted for execution, by directions from the Street Commissioner

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Which were directed to be executed during the recess of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report together with a profile of Henry street from Oliver to Rutgers street which was adopted

The Street Commissioner herewith presents a Profiles of Henry Street from Oliver to Rutgers Street with the proposed Regulation ma[r]ked thereon in red lines in order that that or [136] such other regulation as the Corporation may adopt may be confirmed—The Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for widening and improving that Street are desirous of having it so confirmed as early as practicable in order that they may complete their Assessment without delay—The Street Commissioner will only add, that the regulation as marked on the profile is made to correspond with that of Madison (late Banker) street and which has been generally approved

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves S^{t} Com^{r}

The Street Commissioner presents the following Ordinances which were passed & Assessors appointed thereto Viz

For Paving Hammond street from Assylum street to Greenwich Lane and John W Wyman Cary Dunn & John M^{c}Kesson were appointed Assessors

For Paving Assylum street from Christopher Street to Bank street and William Torrey Alexander Coffin & Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors

[137] For paving Factory Street from Christopher street to Bank street and Samuel S^{t} John, Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

For Regulating & Paving Christopher street from Assylum street to Greenwich Lane and John Towt, David Lyon & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

For laying Cross walks in the Sixth Ward which was referred back to the Street Commissioner

For repaving Greenwich street from Liberty street to Courtlandt street and Reuben Munson Edmund Smith & John B Thorp were appointed Assessors

For paving Goereck street from Rivington street to Stanton street and John Brower Oliver Drake and John Boyce were appointed Assessors

For paving the walk on the Northerly side of Canal street from Hudson street to Greenwich street and Samuel S[t] John Robert Wardell & Brigham Howe were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication respecting buildings encroaching [138] on Cherry street which was referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented a Report respecting the sale for Assessments of a piece of Land to Thomas C Butler which was referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for building sewers in Roosevelt Oak & Bancker streets and regulating and paving Roosevelt Street together with parts of Oak Cherry & Bancker streets which was referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz

For regulating and paving Corlaers street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For regulating & Paving Little Water street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For a Well & Pump in 5[th] Street near the 6[th] Avenue & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

[139] For paving Ridge street from Stanton to North street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

For paving Wooster street from Broome to Spring street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

For pitching & paving King street from M[c]Dougal to Greenwich street and Noah Jarvis Appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented a Report on the Petition of Jane Gibson and John Ross referred to him at the last Meeting—which was read and referred to the Police Committee

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N[o]	1. M Murry	Owner	N[o]	3 Albany S[t]	A privy
	2. R[t] Hensley	Do		8 do	do
	3. M White	do	N[o]	11 Ann S[t]	do
	4. H Byrnes	do		15 do	do

5.	H M Ludlum	Owner		23	Ann St	A privy
6.	J White	do		56	do	do
7.	J Jenkins	Lessee		59	do	do
8.	A Schermerhorn	Owner	No	6	Beaver Lane	do
9.	[140] M White	Do		1	Beekman St	do
10	Do	Do		3	do	do
11	do	Do		5	do	do
12.	J H Cook	Lessee		46	Do	Do
13.	J Poillon	Occupt		60	Do	Do
14.	P Brasher	owner		66	Do	Do
15.	J Woods	do		67	Do	Do
16.	C Ritter	do			Broadway Do	Do
17.	M Burnton	Do		44	Cedar St	Do
18.	J Fleming	Do		56	do	Do
19.	A Arden	do		64	do	Do
20.	J. R Thorburn	do		66	do	Do
21.	A Labagh	do		68	do	Do
22.	M Concklin	do		74	do	Do
23.	M Swartwout	do		82	do	Do
24	Do	do		84	do	do
25.	Do	Do		86	do	do
26.	Do	Do		88	do	do
27.	M Grim	Do	No	2	Ferry St	Do
28.	Do	Do		4	Do	Do
29.	E Humphreys	Do		171	Front St	do
30	J Carlton	Do		82	Fulton St	Do
31	J D Martin	Do		91	Do	Do
32	P Tabele	Do		111	Do	Do
33	I Trumpore	Do		135	Do	Do
34.	P Hegeman	Do		141	Do	Do
35.	P Sharpe	Do		36	Gold St	Do
36.	Geo. Lyons	Do		48	do	Do
37.	[141] A Labagh	do		39	Greenwich St	Do
38.	F Gibbard	do		91	do	Do
39.	H Ashley	do		47	do	Do
40.	Dr Berger	do		93	do	Do
41.	W Swan	do		95	do	do
42.	J Newton	do		117	do	do
43.	M Manly	do	No	24	John St	do
44.	W & G Post	do		76	do	Do
45.	J Stevenson	do	No	4	Liberty St	Do
46.	W A Bleakly	do		6	do	Do
47.	C T Derussy	do		8	do	Do
48.	J Bassett	do		10	do	do
49.	Willm A Turk	do		14	do	Do
50.	J B Dash	do		74	do	Do
51.	G Haight	do		90	Do	Do
52.	A Labagh	do		113	do	Do
53.	D H Wheeler	do	No	67	do	do

54.	P Aymar	owner	No	80	Liberty St	A privy
55.	Do	do		83	do	do
56.	W M Titus	do	No	289	Pearl St	do
57.	J Riddell	do	No	5	Thames St	do
58.	J A Graham	do		12	do	Do
59	J Thorpe	do		14	do	do
60	J *Ancock* [Hancock]	do		15	do	do
61	T Ellison	do		19	do	do
61	Do	Do		21	do	Do
63	R Patten	Do		22	do	do
64	A Taylor	Do		107	Washington St	do
65.	[142] M Bussanih	Lessee		117	do	do
66.	J Clark	owner		171	Water St	do
67.	J Bogert	do		235	Do	Do
68.	M Buren	do		68	William St	Do
69.	J Bingham	do		143	Do	Do
70.	J Chalmers	do		174	do	Do
71.	E Whipple	Do			Lewis St	A Lot
72	R Truslow	do			do	Do

Geo: Cuming Cy Inspr

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer ce[r]tifying the Vacancies & Resignations accepted Vizt

Fire Engine Co No 18

Walter Welsh Brush maker *30*[35] Rose St
Vc Richd M White—Time expired

No 23.

John S Van Pelt Carpenter 45 Watts Street
Vc Jacob Smith—Resigned

No 27

William Attmore Carpenter Laurence St
V. Truman Sperry—Left the City

No 33

John F Adams Ship Carpenter Cherry St
Vc Daniel Lewis—Resigned

No 35

Solyer Pettit Mason Harlaem
John Pymm Wheelwright Harlaem } To fill the Company

[143] No 37

Jacob Church Carpenter 131 Delancy St
Vc Wm A Baxter—Resigned

Samuel Church Carpenter 13 Delancy St
Vc Simon Debow—Resigned

N° 39.

Jacob Vandevoort Jeweller Barclay S[t]

V[c] James M Vose—Resigned

George Thomson Tinman Frankfort S[t]

V[c] Josiah F Crane Resigned

N° 42

Montgomery Logan Hatter 98 Cherry S[t]

V[c] E Matherson—Resigned

Alderman Cebra presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Special Committee on cleaning Streets

Resolved that the Special Committee for cleaning streets be instructed to enquire into the expediency of p[r]ohibiting the Inhabitants of this City from depositing any Wood or Coal Ashes in any of the Streets or Alleys thereof under the penalty of $2 Dollars for each offence And that Carts be provided for that purpose to pass through the Streets & Alleys at given hours at least twice in each Week

M[r] Recorder presented the following Resolutions which were laid on the Table for further [144] consideration, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

I. Resolved that it is expedient to apply to the Legislature so to amend the act entitled "an Act to provide for the permanent regulation of certain streets in the City of New York" passed April 10. 1823, as clearly to authorize the Common Council from time to time as they may deem expedient to adopt or substitute any plan or plans of regulation that they may deem proper as revisals and corrections of the Report or any part of the Report of James Renwick Joseph G Swift and Robert Adrian, the Commissioners under the said Act which report with Maps and Profiles is now pending before the said Common Council and to authorize them to refer the whole, or any part of the said Report, or the remainder or any part of the remainder thereof, to the same or to New Commissioners for revisal and Correction: and to authorize them to discharge the pending proceedings under the Law, and to appoint New Commissioners for the whole or any part of the Streets comprehended therein: And to authorize them to Assess and Collect such proportion of the expence of such regulation, on the property so from time to time to be regulated, as the Assessors of such expence may deem it equitable that such property ought to bear of such expence

II. Resolved that it is also expedient to apply for the repeal of the Sixth section of the said Act of the [145] 10[th] April 1823 and for a

provision declaring that the regulation of that part of the City shall be subject to such alterations under the revised act of 1813 as the Common Council from time to time may find it necessary to make

III. Resolved that a Petition and law be prepared embracing the alterations above proposed to be made: and that the Street Commissioner give the necessary Public notice of the intended application to the Legislature

Mr Engs presented the following which was laid on the Table. To be printed for the use of the Members

Resolved that the Report of Messrs Adrain Swift & Renwick Commissioners under the Act of 1823 for regulating that part of the City lying between First & thirty fourth street on the East side and Art street & thirty fourth street on the West side of the Bowery be referred back to them with instructions to report such modification of their former plans for the East side as they may deem for the interest of the Public and the proprietors of the property taking under their consideration all the different modes of regulating that portion of the City which have been presented to this Board

Mr Peters presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street [146] Committee

Resolved that Greenwich street be regulated and paved from Hammond street to Bank street

Mr Peters presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Hudson street be repaved from the Southerly side of Anthony street to the Northerly line of Beach street

Mr Valentine presented the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to cause a Monument to be placed over the grave of "John Paulding" one of the Capturers of Major Andre during the War of the Revolution—And that the cost of the same do not exceed the sum of One hundred dollars—The Committee appointed were Mr Valentine Mr Van Wyck Ald Agnew Mr Lozier & Alderman Cox

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of John M Bloodgood [147] Superintenda[n]t of Streets for Fifteen hundred dollars

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Committee on the 25th November for the sum of Two hundred and eighty three dollars & thirty one Cents

Alderman White presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Health for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars

Alderman Cox presented the following which was agreed to

Resolved that the Ward Inspectors be and they are hereby directed to Report to his Honor the Mayor the names of all persons who buy and sell second hand furniture known as Pawn Brokers in their respective Wards

A Member stating he had business of a confidential nature to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed

[148] The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Actt 20th Novemr	153.61
Recd for Tax of 1826	26.600.
" " Streets	14.777.67
" " Rents	11.215.27
" " Wells & Pumps	1.067.40
" " Tavern & Excise Licence	340.
" " Commutation Alien Passengers	255.
" " Fines &c of Attorney	177.50
" " " Clerk of Sessions	106.63
" " Mayoralty fees 52.50 Docks & Slips 8.31	60.81
	$54.753.89

114 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist			1251.25
Clark & Hibbard	do 2d "		841.75
Stagg & Bleakley	do 3d "		768.25
Geo: Cuming City Inspecr 1 Qur Salary 1 Decr			200.
T. J Waters Clerk Compts Office 1 Qur 24 Novr			200.
O Ayres Asst City Inspector	1 Mo 1st Decemr		45.50
J Coffin	do	" "	45.50
C Myers Keeper Pottersfield		" "	67.50
C Gillman Keeper Battery		" "	30.00
A McCready Keeper Park		" "	30.00
Astin & Higbie Messengers		" "	60.00
G Lathrop St Inspector 1st Ward		" "	37.50
P Wright	do 2d	" "	37.50
[149] J. B Ebbetts	do 3d	" "	37.50
N B Lyon	do 4th	" "	37.50
I A Isaacs	do 5th	" "	37.50
J M Thomas	do 6th	" "	37.50

B Fuller	Stᵗ Inspector	7th Ward	1 Mo	1st	Decemʳ	.....	37.50
J Stephens	do	8th	"	"		.....	37.50
H Mott	do	9th	"	"		.....	37.50
D Hubbard	do	10th	"	"		.....	37.50
J Woodruff	do	11th	"	"		.....	37.50
R Graves Stᵗ Comʳ Actᵗ repairs Park & Battery.....							350.
Asstᵗ Aldᵐ Van Wyck Chairᵐ Law Comᵗᵉ for Counsel & expences defending Indictment Messereau in N Jersey..							300.
Geo: B Smith preparing Atlas Corporation Property.....							114.50
R Ayres 208 Loads stone Chips at Battery.....							26.
J Morton C C C Hack hire accounts.....							10.50
B Stewart Sunday service 39 days to 12th Novʳ.....							58.50
J F Cisco	do	"	"	.....			58.50
Richᵈ S Clark	do	1st Ward	30 days to	13th	Novʳ		45.
J Nixon	do	10th Ward	27 days to	4	Decemʳ.		40.50
L Baum	Clerk	Washington Market	1 Mo	1	Decʳ....		74.17
J Bremner	do	Catherine	"	"	"	....	60.
J Gilbert	do	3 Markets	"	"	"	....	58.
P Ammerman	do	do	"	"	"	....	48.50
G Duryea	do	Fulton	"	"	"	....	41.67
I Asten—Sweeper		do	"	"	"	....	38.59
R Smith Clerk		Franklin	"	"	"	....	37.50
[150] B Hicks Asstᵗ Board of Health				"	"	....	45.50
J Pinckney		do		"	"	....	45.50
A Leggett Work Mud scow 2 weeks to 3ᵈ Decʳ.....							166.56
G Snethen Lightᵍ Lamps 1 Mo 1 Decemʳ.....							978.78
R Provoost repairᵍ Lamps " "							186.49
J Fleming Treasʳ to pay Witnesses ordered by Court.....							60.
A Concklin & J Lawrence Services in aresting J Griffen ordᵈ Distᵗ Attorney.....							46.
R Hatfield Clerk Sessions for Clerk hire at Sessions &c...							20.
J Hays for officers extra Service Police 1 Qurᵗ 1 Novʳ.....							428.74
J Hays for officers conveyᵍ Prisoners to City Prison 1 Qurᵗ 1 Novʳ							195.
J Hays for do conveyᵍ Prisoners to Penitentʸ & H of Refuge							8.50
J H Bailey & J Johnson Assessors of Tax of 1826				1	Ward		260.
J Leonard & T Richards		do		"	2ᵈ	"	260.
J Graham & N C Griffith		do		"	3ᵈ	"	260.
P McCartee & R S Williams		do		"	4	"	260.
L Warner & J B Schmelzel		do		"	5	"	300.
C McLean & A Surree		do		"	6	"	300.
C Fordham & D Dusenbury		do		"	7	"	260.
D Higbie & A Ross		do		"	8	"	300.
G Coutant		do		"	9	"	150.
J Pangburn		do		"	9	"	150.
I Halsey & J Drake		do		"	10	"	300.
J Brown W Lee		do		"	11	"	260.
J Adriance J L Varian		do		"	12	"	300.

Geo: Taylor Junr Ground rent for Engine house No 10 1 year 1 Nor	20.
Alexr Cascaden Guardian of Maria Faye & John Faye for intestate Estate of James O Faye	546.18
[151] Jas Faye, John Faye, Alexr Cascaden for estate of Jas O Faye	543.33
Ellen Faye, John Faye, Alexr Cascaden do do	84.06
Hugh & Peter Smith removing dirt from Bancker St	25.19
R Munson & Associates Assessors of Streets Wells & Pumps	1567.50
John Harris Inspector of paving streets	523.20
T Cumming Actt reg & pav Hammersly St fm Bedford to Greenwich St	1800.
C Coles Actt reg & pav Columbia fm Stanton to North St	650.
H Smith actt do Herring fm Clinton to Grand St	500.
A Stagg actt do Walnut Slip fm Water to Front St	300.
J Mehan Actt repav Pearl St frm Old Slip to Broad St	250.
T Cumming Actt pav Christopher fm Washgt to Hudson St	200.
J Bailey actt reg & pav Arundle fm Stanton to North St	150.
P McCafferty Actt reg & pav Ridge fm Delancy to Rivington St	150.
T Cuming Actt pav Christopher fm Hudson to Assylum St	100.
J Bailey Actt reg & pav Attorney fm Stanton to North St	100.
C Mooney Actt do Pitt fm Stanton to North St	100.
T Cummings Actt do Cornelia fm Herring to Ludlows line	100.
J Bailey bal pav Side walk 1st St fm Bowery to 1st Avenue	37.28
G Coutant award opening La Fayette Place	5525.
David S Jones bal award do "	5210.
Wm Palmer Award do "	3175.
R Tillotson bal award do "	2610.
Eff H Warner Award do "	2084.
Geo: Taylor do do "	780.
Mrs C Waldron do do "	660.
Elbert H Jones bal award do do	426.
Heirs of David Deas award do "	300.
[152] Wm Jones bal Award do "	296.
R Pettigrew for Well Elm St near Grand St	98.50
J Gallagher Senr bal Well Lombardy n Scammel St	78.43
R Pettigrew bal Well John St n William St	67.50
R Pettigrew bal do Vandam n Varick St	52.
J Gallagher Senr bal do Cherry n Corlaers St	45.
J Gallagher Senr 1st payt do North St n Avenue C	42.50
J Gallagher Junr 1st payt do North St n Avenue B	42.
R Pettigrew Bal do Barrow n Greenwich St	35.
J Gallagher Junr Bal do Washgtn n North Moore St	34.
J. P. Dieterich for selling 12 Lots non payt Assesst 22 Novr	24.
R J Bush return Costs Tax of 1823 on 2 Lots Broadway sold 28 Decr 1825	7.

S Fargay repairs Intersections 4. 6 Wards & Cath Market.	691.96	
T Price pav & flagg at Governeur Market	360.27	
T Cumming repairs Intersections Herring & Minetto St 9th Ward	26.42	
J Culbert repairs Intersections Wooster & Prince St	8.92	
Abm Storms 3d payt Piers Duane Basin	2804.25	
Abm Storms 3d payt Pier Chamber St	1342.50	
Abm Storms 2d payt Pier Market Slip	918.	
Abm Storms 2d payt Additional Pier Cath Slip	262.50	
J. P. Roome Super Repairs for Markets	1157.	
T [J] Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qur 1 Novr on Actt	2000.	
A Burtis Super Alms House	4950.	54.715.74
	Balance	$38.15

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[154] In Common Council December 18th 1826

Present—The Honble Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Re[c]order

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Campbell P White	William W Mott
John Agnew	Pierre C Van Wyck
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
Jameson Cox	John Lozier
Stuart F Randolph	William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor	Philip W Engs
Gideon Ostrander	John R Peters
William A Davis	Abraham M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of M Dykers to have an Error in his Assessment corrected was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of the Fulton Bank for relief from Tax Assessed on them was read and referred to Finance Committee

[155] A Petition of Samuel Boyd praying for a Water Grant in front of his property at Greenwich was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of David Evans to be relieved from a fine for a Chimney taking fire was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Daniel Cooledge to be appointed a Collector of

Assessments was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of the Executors of John Scudder (dec^{d}) late Proprietor of the American Museum for an extension of the Lease of said place was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Residents and Proprietors of the Houses & Lots of land in Duane street between Broadway and Elm street praying to have the curb stone raised and that part of the Waters from the Park and Chamber street may pass down Reade street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of James Magher to Lease the Lots of land in the 12th Ward designated as Hamilton square was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[156] A Petition of Solomon Lee to be released from the payment of a Tax on his personal Property was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Thomas Dawson and others for a Well & Pump in Elm street between Broome & Spring streets was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of a number of the Electors of the 8th Ward asking an investigation into the Charter Election of said Ward as far as it relates to Assistant Alderman was read and after considerable discussion referred to a Special Committee consisting of M^{r} Schieffelin Bolton Van Wyck Al^{d} Agnew, Ostrander

A Remonstrance against removing the Ferry from Walnut street Slip was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of a number of persons for a Well and Pump at the corner of Madison and Montgomery street 7th Ward was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward

[157] A Petition of Stephen Allen and John R Livingston for opening Ridge street from Broome to Division street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Singer for transfer of Stall N^{o} 4 Essex Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Ezra Cleveland to have a fine paid by him for not having his Lamps lighted on his Hack refunded to him was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Memorial of the Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Pro. Dutch Church in the City of New York for the remission of a fine for interring the late M^{rs} Abeel in said burying ground was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of a number of persons against paving the side walks in Bleecker street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A simular remonstrance against paving the side walks of Bleecker street was read and referred to the Street Committee

[158] A Remonstrance against paving the Side walks of Charlton street from McDougal to Washington street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Townsend Cock and Joel Concklin for leave to assign their right to Wharf & Pier at Brooklyn was read and referred to the Finance Committee with powers

A Petition of John R Livingston for the opening of Ridge street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of James Hostin for a remission of a Tax on his personal estate was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition was presented from N Bangs and I Emory stating that the building No 14 Crosby street is a public Institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church used for the publication of Religious Books and as such in their opinion not liable to taxation that the same has lately been assessed for a Tax and praying relief—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee

A Communication was received from the [159] Superintendant of the Alms House stating that further accommodations were required for Small Pox patients—which was referred to the Committee on Lands & Places with powers

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Nicholas Fish & Others for an increase of the Watch in the 11th Ward and of Theodorus Bailey for one Watchman at the Post Office presented the following Report

The Watch Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Nicholas Fish & others for an increase of the Watch in the Eleventh ward and of Theodorus Bailey for one Watchman at the Post Office Report

That they find not only those portions of the City requiring more Watchmen but that the posts in many other parts are so large as to render it impossible that they should be properly watched. It therefore becomes expedient in their opinion to divide them and create additional Posts as named in the annexed Resolution

The re-iterated complaints that Watchmen are not to be found when their services are wanted proceeds in the opinion of your Committee from their posts being much more extensive than Citizens

suppose them to be The Watchmen are at one extremity and the outrage is committed at the other—the distance between being beyond hearing of an ordinary Cry, this can only be remedied by an occasional increase of the Watch in particular [160] sections of the City, with which it is believed, and a due attention on the part of the City authority, the present system will be as efficient as any other if not more so

Your Committee do therefore recommend as absolutely necessary at this time the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that there be added to First District Watch Two Roundsmen; one Post at the corner of Madison & Roosevelt street and one at Post office in the rear of the new Exchange

To the Second District one post at the corner of Hester & Forsyth streets—To the Third District One post at the corner of Desbrosses and Washington street; One at the corner of Hudson & Van Dam street One at the corner of Broadway and Broome streets and one at Stuyvesants Church

Respectfully submitted
Jameson Cox
John R Peters
Ab^{m} M Valentine
P W Engs
Henry Arcularius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of Stephen M^{c}Cormick Inspector of Hacks for an increase of Salary presented a Report [161] which was referred back to the Committee on Public Offices

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution to inquire if any alterations are necessary in the rates of fees now allowed to Weighmasters presented a Report which was laid for further Consideration and directed to be printed

The Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioners to whom was referred the subject of digging and building a Well in Jay street between Staple and Greenwich streets presented the following Report

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of digging and building a Well in Jay street between Staple street & Greenwich street Report that a Well is much wanted in that vicinity the present Well at the Corner of Staple street being altogether useless accordingly the[y] recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump erected therein at such place in Jay street between Staple and Greenwich streets as shall be designated by the Aldm & Asst of the 5th Ward

Anthony Lamb
Henry Arcularius
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[162] The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in 13th Street near Greenwich Lane presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in 13th Street near Greenwich Lane—Report that in their opinion a Well & Pump is much wanted at that place and accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Jacob B Taylor
John R Peters
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Frederick Garner & others praying that the side walks in front of Garners house in Cliff street may remain on the line occupied previous to the Widening of said street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Frederick Garner and others praying that the Side Walks in front of the said Garners House may remain on the line as [163] occupied previous to the widening of the Street Report that in repaving that street the walks have been regulated according to the Ordinance of this Corporation, and to the satisfaction of the said Garner accordingly they submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Corporation to interfere with the regulations of the side walks of Cliff street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of laying cross walks in the 6th Ward had previously reported on this subject & the report inserted at length on the minutes see page 108 this Liber

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Lucas respecting an Area on Prince street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Lucas respecting an Area on Prince street and for permission to extend an Iron railing around the building at the Corner of Prince and Greene Streets—Report that as it respects the Area on Prince street, the width [164] of such Area is fixed by an ordinance of the Corporation, and as it *rleates* [relates] to the building an Iron railing along Greene street your Committee can see no objections to the granting the request of the Petitioner and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Isaac Lucas have permission to erect an Iron railing along the building at the corner of Prince and Greene street under the directions of the Street Commissioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of David Harriot & others for a Well at the intersection of Reade and Chapple street presented the following Report in favor

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition of David Harriot and others praying that a new Well may be dug at the intersection of Reade & Chapel streets As the old one at that place is represented by the Superintendant of Repairs to be irrepairable

Accordingly your Committee beg

[165] Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted

Anthony Lamb
Henry Arcularius
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Simmons respecting the Assessment of 3d Street presented the following Report

The Committee of Assessments to whom the Petition of Henry Simmons was referred respectfully report that they have investigated the facts and find that Mr Simmons has not been heard by his Counsel in a satisfactory manner touching his objections to the Assessment in relation to the opening of Third Street. That the said Assessment was confirmed by Default against him—The Committee therefore recommend that the Counsel of the Board be instructed upon receiving Notice of a Motion to set aside that assessment to consent that the question be opened and to waive the Confirmation provided the Supreme Court will hear the matter again—and therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that in case the Supreme Court shall be of the opinion that the confirmation of the assessment in the case of third Street may be waived by the assent of this Board without impairing the validity of those proceedings The Counsel of [166] the Board be instructed to waive the confirmation of the report of the Assessment on Third street so as to permit Henry Simmens to be heard before the Supreme Court at the February Term

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Stuart F Randolph
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Latimer for compensation for work done on the 10th Avenue in 1824 presented the following Report against the same

The Road Committee to whom a Petition of Robert Latimer was referred asking payment for work done on 10th Avenue in the year 1824 amounting to $199 75/100 Beg leave to report that according to usage the Road Committee pass all Accounts for work done under their direction which are regularly paid by the Street Commissioner

That the Road Committee for 1824 appear not to have sanctioned this expence and therefore your Committee are decidedly of opinion that the account should not be paid they offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the account of Robert Latimer for work done on 10th

Avenue in the year 1824 amounting to One hundred & Ninety [167] nine dollars & seventy five cents ought not to be paid

William A Davis
Jacob B Taylor
John Agnew
John Yates Cebra

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Charity Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gideon Hardin praying to be relieved from the payment of some expences of two Children in the Alms House presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Charity to whom was referred the Petition of Gideon Harden Report that your Committee examined into the facts stated in the annexed Petition and found them to be true as alledged therein—Your Committee believe in relation thereto that the Petitioner has acted with laudable humanity and well merits the approbation of his fellow citizens. The children alluded to in the annexed Petition have (as your Committee understand) been placed under the protection of their father by the Commissioners of the Alms House, and are therefore no longer a charge to the City. The relief applied for by the Petitioner is a release of the sum of about $62—Which became due to the City for the maintainance of the Children by the Public before they were placed in the charge of their father. According [168] to every equitable and honorable consideration the father should have indemnified the petitioner for any liability he may have assumed, this indemnification however he has refused as your Committee have been informed, and leaves the Petitioner answerable to this Common Council for the above mentioned sum—The Petitioner does not appeal to the justice of this Board, for by the Law he or his security are bound to save this City harmless, and strict Justice has nothing to do with the hardship of the case, if the application were to be decided on that ground. But by the annexed affidavit it appears that the Petitioner appeals to the Charitable feelings of the members of this Board, and your Committee acknowledge that the case from its peculiar hardship merits relief when founded on an appeal to charitable considerations and the inability of the Petitioner to pay the amount claimed. With these views in relation to this application Your Committee are induced to offer the following resolution

Resolved that Gideon Harden be released from the payment of the sum of Sixty two dollars which sum has accrued for the maintainance

of the Children of Stephen Gun bonded by him as passengers from Halifax on a voyage to the Port of New York

[169] Effingham Schieffelin
Ab[m] M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the sale of certain Lands in Houston street to Thomas C Butler presented the following Report

The communication of the Street Commissioner was as follows

The Street Commissioner respectfully informs the Hon the Common Council, that in the Sale of lots for nonpayment of assessments which took place pursuant to Law on the 22[d] Instant a certain piece of land fronting on Crosby Houston and Mulberry streets which was charged in the sum of $502.89 arising out of the assessments for opening Houstoun street—for regulating Houstoun street and for opening Mulberry street was bid off by Thomas C Butler who was informed at the time of closing the bid that conformably to the conditions of sale the aforesaid sum of $502.89 must be paid without delay—and the Street Commissioner begs leave further to state that the aforesaid Thomas C Butler totally refuses and declines to pay the aforesaid sum, and receive the Certificate of his purchase he therefore requests to be instructed whether the land in question shall be resold in order to satisfy the assessments due thereon or such other [170] course as the Common Council may deem right and proper

R Graves S[t] Com[r]

The Report of the Committee on the above was as follows

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the annexed communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the sale of certain Lands on Houstoun street to Thomas C Butler for non payment of Assessment, and which sale the said T. C Butler refuses to comply with

Respectfully report that in their opinion the proper course to be pursued will be to advertise and sell the property again, according to Law, and beg leave to offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise according to Law viz for 3 months, in two or more public newspapers of this City calling upon the owners of the abovementioned property

to pay the amount assessed thereon, in default of which the property will be sold in order to satisfy the said Assessment

John R Peters
Stuart F Randolph
William W Mott
P. C Van Wyck

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[171] The Special Committee on cleaning Streets to whom was referred the Resolution presented by Ald^{m} Cebra for preventing Ashes & Cinders being thrown in the Streets presented the draft of a Law preventing Coal ashes or cinders being cast into the Street which was passed under the title of "a Law in addition to a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the streets and to appoint a Superintendant of Streets" was directed to be published and also printed in hand bills

A Committee of the Board of Supervisors to whom was referred the Petition of the several Marshals praying further compensation for taking the Census presented a Report which after some discussion was laid on the table and the Comptroller directed to report to the Board at their next meeting the sums which the said Marshals had received

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of a Well and Pump at the intersection of Water and Montgomery streets presented the following Report

The Alderman & Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner Respectfully report on the subject of a Well and Pump at the intersection of Water and Montgomery streets that in their opinion [172] A Well and Pump is much wanted at that place for the use of the Inhabitants of that vicinity and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump erected therein near the intersection of Water and Montgomery streets

Jameson Cox
William S Coe
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessment to whom was referred the remonstrance of Leonard Fisher against the Assessment in Roosevelt Street presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the remonstrance of Leonard Fisher against the Assessment in Roosevelt street Respectfully Report—That the Petitioner does not complain of any error in the Assessment, but that the improvement in Roosevelt street, has obliged him to raise his side walks above the entrance to his House whereby his property has sustained injury Your Committee consider the question whether the alteration in that street was an improvement or not, as already decided by the Board—The amount to be assessed was referred to Commissioners in the usual manner who have apportioned the expence [173] among the property they considered to be benefited in such manner, as in the opinion of your Committee does not require the interferrence of the Board, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Assessment for improving Roosevelt street be confirmed

John R Peters
P. C Van Wyck
Wm W Mott
Stuart F Randolph

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted—The Assessment confirmed & Morris D Camp appointed Collector

Mr Valentine agreeably to notice given at last Meeting moved that the Board now reconsider the vote given on the Report of the Committee on Assessments on the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society—which motion was agreed to—After some discussion the same was referred to the Committee on Charity—The said Committee after a short time presented the following Report

The Committee on Charity to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Methodist Society of the City of New York and the Report of the Committee on Assessments. Report that they consider it unnecessary to recapitulate the circumstances of the case in detail as the[y] have already [174] been before the Common Council and are contained in the report of the Committee on Assessments—The Committee on Charity have limited their view of the merits of the case so as to embrace only considerations of benevolence believing with propriety they hope, that in estimating such applications, that they ought to be confined to an investigation whether the Charity of the Board would be judiciously dispensed in granting the Prayer of the Petitioners—Your Committee have come to a conclusion that relief ought to be granted in a partial degree as far as considerations

of what is due to the case will Warrant. They have therefore agreed to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Collector of Assessment for opening second street be directed to deduct Two hundred dollars from the Assessment on the Cemetry of the Methodist Society in the City of New York and to collect after such deduction the residue only

E Schieffelin
Ab^{m} M Valentine

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Report of the Street Committee on opening Avenue D which was presented on 19th June 1826 and laid for consideration was now called up and being read was as follows

The Street Committee beg leave respectfully to report that on the 10th May last the [175] Board resolved to open Avenue D in the eleventh Ward from 7th Street to the East River and that Commissioners were appointed for that purpose by the Court, That it has been since discovered that such opening would most materially interfere with and injure the works of the Dry Dock Company, which never was intended by the Committee or by the Board that the opening beyond 10th Street was not contemplated by your Committee; and that they never imagined that the opening recommended by them would affect the works of the said Dry Dock Company. Your Committee have accordingly considered in what manner it would be expedient to correct the error before alluded to, and they are of the opinion that it would be just and proper to apply for leave to discontinue the present proceedings and to institute new proceedings for opening said Avenue to 10th Street and no further. Under these circumstances your Committee respectfully offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions

I. Resolved, that the Counsel prepare the necessary application to the Supreme Court for leave to discontinue the said proceedings relative to opening Avenue D and that the same be authenticated, in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

II. Resolved, that the Street Commissioner give the usual public notice of such intended application in such form as the Counsel may prescribe

III. [176] Resolved that it is desirable for the public convenience that said Avenue D should be opened from 7th to 10th Street; and that the Counsel make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners in the premises and that the

application be authenticated, in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Jacob B Taylor
Wm P Rathbone
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe

The Question being taken on the several Resolutions they were adopted

The Report of the Committee on Lands and Places to whom the subject of the Washington Parade Ground was referred was called up and was as follows.

The Committee on Lands and Places to whom the subject of the Washington Parade Ground was referred Respectfully Report

That they have examined this subject with great attention and find that the ground now called the Washington [Parade Ground] (lately Pottersfield) is a very irregular priece of Ground and in its present form will not answer in the opinion of your Committee for a Military Parade ground—This difficulty however may be easily obviated as the adjoining grounds are [177] unimproved, or nearly so and can be taken by this Board for public purposes under the act of the Legislature of this State in such case made & provided

Your Committee are of the Opinion that this square or Parade Ground ought to include the whole block, bounded Northerly by Sixth street Southerly by Fourth street Easterly by Wooster street and Westerly by McDougall street being 951 feet 5 inches long and 446 feet six inches wide or thereabouts

A plot of ground of this size and favorably situated as this ground is would in all probability answer the views of this Board for many years to come Less than this would not in the opinion of the Committee by any means answer the purpose intended as a Parade Ground. It will be recollected that much more than one half of this block of ground now belongs to, and is the property of this Corporation, as will appear by the Map or Profile herewith submitted to the Board and has already been appropriated by this Corporation for a Parade Ground by the name of the Washington Parade The residue of said block your Committee think ought to be taken by Commissioners to be appointed by the Supreme Court under the Act of the Legislature of this State above referred to; and when this report shall be confirmed by the Court, the whole Square ought forever thereafter to be and remain a Public square or Parade Ground and called the Washington Parade.

[178] In order that this subject may be brought before the Corporation in a form to be acted upon the Committee beg leave to submit as expressive of their opinion the following resolutions

Resolved that this Board do approve of the foregoing Report

Resolved that application be made to the Supreme Court of this State for the appointment of Commissioners for the purpose of taking the grounds included in the aforesaid square and not owned by this Board, and that the Counsel take the necessary measures to effect this object at the earliest period

Resolved that the Committee on Lands and places be charged with regulating the said square provided the expence shall not exceed Two thousand Dollars.

P. C Van Wyck
Gideon Ostrander
Wm A Davis
John Agnew
Thomas Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted

The Counsel submitted to the Board a Deed of Cession of 121st Street from the 3d Avenue to the Harlaem River executed by William Wood & others which was accepted and the Comptroller directed to cause the same to be Recorded in the Registers Office

[179]The Counsel presented for execution Leases of Lands sold for non payment of Taxes

The Counsel of the Board respectfully presents for execution the following Leases of Lands sold for Taxes on the 10 Novemr 1824

1. A Lease to Charles Oakley of nine lots in the ninth ward on Amos street assessed as belonging to A Hammond Sold for 5 years for $22 1$\frac{1}{100}$

2. A Lease to the same of 5 Lots in the Ninth Ward on the Fitzroy Road assessed as belonging to Thomas Ash sold for 17 years for $14 5$\frac{5}{100}$

3. A Lease to the same of an acre of Land in the Ninth Ward on Greenwich Lane assessed as belonging to A Hammond Sold for 8 years for $17.

These Leases are made out pursuant to the directions of the Street Commissioner, Two years having expired since the day of Sale

Respectfully submitted
M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same was directed to be duly authenticated

The Counsel also presented for execution Certificates of Sales of Lots for Non payment of Assess[ts] which sale was made on the 22[d] Nov[r] last

The Counsel respectfully presents for execution the following Certificates of the Sales of Lots for Assessments at the sale which took place [180] on the 22[d] November last viz[t]

1. A Certificate of the Sale for 44 years from the 22[d] Nov. 1828 of a Lot in the 4[th] Ward on the South side of Banker Street between Oliver & Catha[r]ine St[s] 99 feet & 4 Inches in front on Bancker street assessed as belonging to the Estate of Franklin—sold to Isaac Ammerman for $80 $^{2}/_{100}$

2. A like Certificate for one year from same time of a Lot in the 7[th] Ward on the North side of Water street between Catherine & Market streets 25 feet in front on Water street assessed as belonging to Robert Macomb sold to Charles Mowatt for $58 $^{5}/_{100}$

3. A like Certificate for 19 years from same time of a Lot of land in the 9[th] Ward, on the West side of Thompson street between Bleecker and Amity streets and being known as the Southerly half part of what is called Amity Lane. Sold to Isaac Ammerman for $40.$^{6}/_{100}$

4 A like Certificate for one year from same time of a Lot of land in the 9[th] Ward on the East side of the 6[th] Avenue between Amity and Fourth streets being 25 feet front on said Avenue assessed as the property of Thomas Wilson sold to William M Chardavoyne for $60,$^{4}/_{100}$

5. A like Certificate for four years from same time of a Lot of Land in the said 9[th] Ward on the East side of the 6[th] Avenue between Amity & Fourth streets 25 feet in front assessed as belonging to [181] Thomas Wilson sold to William A Chardavoyne for $59.$^{75}/_{100}$

6. A like Certificate for four years from same time of a Lot of land in the 8[th] Ward on the West side of Mulberry Street between Houston & Columbia streets 21 feet 6 Inches front assessed as belonging to Asa Holden Sold to Asa Holden for $70 $^{}/_{100}$

7. A like Certificate for ten years from same time of a Lot of Land in the 10[th] Ward on the East side of Pitt street between Grand & Broome streets assessed as belonging to James Hammill 25 feet in front Sold to George Armstrong for $28 $^{93}/_{100}$

Respectfully submitted

M Ulshoeffer

Whereupon the same were directed to be executed

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner respecting the regulation of Factory street which was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For a Well and Pump in Reed street and John Slidell Abraham Le Foy & Henry Mead were appointed Assessors

[182] Also for a Well & Pump in Water street near Montgomery Street and John Targee Abraham Baudoine and Shivers Parker were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well & Pump in Jay street between Staple & Greenwich streets and Isaac Kip Samuel Purdy & Peter L Webb were appointed Assessors

Also for a Well & Pump in 13[th] Street near Greenwich Lane and Abraham Dally William AlBurtis & Thomas Herring were appointed Assessors

Also for laying Cross walks in the Sixth ward and John Towt David Lyon & James Bleecker were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioners presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For paving Montgomery street from Division to Front street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

Also for regulating & paving Laurens [183] street from Prince to Bleecker street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for pitching and paving Clarkson street from Hudson to Greenwich street and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for a Well and Pump in King street near M[c]Dougal street a[nd] Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also for a Well and Pump in Chrystie street near Broome street and Morris D Camp appointed Collector

Also for repaving Theatre Alley and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances 72 in Number which were passed

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz

N[o]	1. J Heyer	Owner	N[o]	24	Beaver S[t]	A Privy
	2. T[s] Gardner	do		47	do	do
	3. C Miller	Lessee		49	do	do
	4. Th[s] Gardner	Owner		52	do	do
	5. D[o]	do		54	do	do

6.	[184] H Sewel	Owner		32	Broad St	A privy
7.	J Mix	do		45	do	do
8.	J. L Dias	do		58	Do	Do
9.	W S. Dawson	do		65	Do	Do
10.	H. Wyckoff	do		70	Do	Do
11.	C Frederick	do		81	Do	D
12.	A. Steenbeck	do		59	Chamber St	Do
13.	Jno B Murray	do		127	Do	Do
14.	New York Bank	do		145	Do	Do
15.	*A. Y.* [Ay] Boyer	do	No	59	Church St	Do
16.	J Robinson	do		61	Do	Do
17.	*A. Y.* [Ay] Boyer	do		63	Do	Do
18.	M Stewart	do		94	Do	Do
19.	A. Arden	do		161	Do	D
20	W Prill	do		181	D	D
21	M Ketchell	do		219	Do	Do
22	T. Lamotte	do	No	24	Garden St	Do
23	Wm Osborn	do	No	222	Greenwich St	Do
24	W Barnes	do		224	Do	Do
25	J Heaton	do		260	Do	Do
26	S Cassadays	do		246	Do	Do
27	J. McMullen	do		297	Do	Do
28	A. Cheseborough	do	No	6	John St	Do
29	E. Smith	do	No	67	Leonard St	D
30	James Murphy	Occupt	No	30	Mill St	Do
31	W Jones	Do			More St	Do
32	F Depeyster	Owner	No	22	New St	Do
33	Fulton Bank	do			Pearl St	Do
34.	[185] *T Skiner* [J Skinner]	Do		78	Reed St	Do
35.	J Hart	Do		80	Do	Do
36.	A Post	Do		89	Do	Do
37	T. Griffen	Do		106	Do	D
38	C Meyers	Do		110	Do	Do
39	B. P. Westervelt	Do		111	Do	Do
40	L. Van Buskirk	Do		138	Do	Do
41	C Debaun	Do		140	Do	Do
42	S. Lawrence	Do		141	Do	Do
43	Do	Do		143	Do	Do
44	F Kane	Do		144	Do	Do
45	J A. Westervelt	Do		150	Do	Do
46.	J. McMulen	Do		157	Do	Do
47	Do	Do		159	Do	Do
48	W. *Hilirad* [Hilliard]	D	No	10	South St	Do
49	Do	Do		11	Do	Do
50	A. King	Ocupant	No	13	Stone St	Do
51	J R Murray	Owner	No	3	Water St	D
52	Do	Do		4	Do	Do
53	J. Jagger	Do		9	Do	Do

54	J Leonard	Executor	No	28 Oak St	A Privy
55	*H L* [Hy] Pope	Owner		30 Do	D
56	W. W Gilbert	Do		fifth Avenue	Do
57	Weed & Webb	Do		North St	Do
58	Wm Murray	Do		Wo[o]ster St	Do
59	W. W Gilbert	Do		Charles St	D
60	M Livingston	Do		Pitt St	D
61	H A Vedder	Do		Cannon St	D
62	[186] R. S. Livingston	Do		North St	Do
63	J. S Livingston	Do		Columbia St	Do
64	J. C Stevens	Do		North St	Do
65	N Lows Estate	Do		Houston St	Do
66	T. F Livingston	Do		North St	Do
67	E Evertson	Do		Lawrence St	Do
68	A. Arden	Do		Do	Do
69	T. Longworth	Do		Worster St	Do
70	J. D. Livingston	Do		North St	Do
71	Public School Society	Do		Worster St	Do
72	C Ray	Do		Do	Do

George Cuming C Inspector

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which were appointed and the Resignations accepted

Fire Engine

No 5.

William H Smith —Resigned

No 8.

John Welch confectioner 4 Staple St

Vc George S Marschalk—Resigned

No 15

Abraham W Tuthill Ship Joiner 44 Oak St

Vc Benjn M Toulon—Resigned

[187] No 19

John Young *Mechanist* [Machinist] 34 Sherrif

Vc William Hendrick—Time expired

James Dean Carpenter 95 Varrick St

Vc Joseph S Baker— do

Jabez Fisher—Cartman 40 Forsyth St

Vc Isaac Carpenter—Resigned

No 21

Joseph B Bradshaw Tailor. 2 Liberty St

Vc Martin Oakley—Resigned

James Simpson Accountant 68 Ann St

Vc Charles R Pearsall— do

N° 22

William D Ivans Shipwright 2 Pelham S[t]
V[c] John Weeden—Res[d]

George Munroe Shipwright 4 Clinton S[t]
V[c] William D Ivans Res[d] last June

N° 25

William H Smith Accountant 4 Maiden lane
V[c] David Judson Res[d]

N° 26

John J Beatty—Cordwainer 272 Broome S[t]
V[c] John Van Horn Res[d]

N° 27

William Cook Carpenter 5 North Moore S[t]
V[c] William Whitley Time expired

John H Smith, John Kidney John Smith & Daniel Van Vailer James R Howell—Resigned

[188] N° 37

David Field—Carpenter 21 Rivington S[t]
V[c] John Walsh Resigned

David Fowler Carpenter 119 Eldrige S[t]
V[c] Mathew Marsh do

Moses Kip—Grocer Allen c North S[t]
V[c] Joseph Walsh— do

N° 44

Henry Hedden Merch[t] Tailor 518 Grand S[t]
V[c] Nehemiah Waterbury Res[d]

Charles Bell—Ship wright Lewis n North S[t]
V[c] John Woolsey— do

Thaddeus Bell Ship wright Lewis n[r] North S[t]
V[c] Thomas P Walworth— do

William Lockwood Grocer Lewis c North S[t]
V[c] Charles Hoyt— Do

Garret H Ackerman Shoemaker 522 Grand S[t]
V[c] Geo: W Smith— Do

Fire Hose C[o] N° 1

James Gillender Jun[r] Druggist 372 Broadway
V[c] William S Ross Time expired

Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be instructed to enquire and report on the propriety of applying for an alteration in the Constitution of the State so [189] as to make the Mayor of the City of New York elective by the People once in three years or for such other Period as may be proper

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that it be submitted to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire and Report to this Board at an early period on the expediency of altering the present form of City Government so as to have seperate Boards of Aldermen & Assistants and extend the present term of service

The Comptroller presented the following Report

Balance as per Act 4th Inst	38.15
Recd for Streets	30,189.50
" " Tax of 1826	6.500.
" " Rents	1647.79
" " Justices Courts	968.01
" " Tavren & Excise Licence	440.
" " Fines &c of Sheriff	150.
" " Wells & Pumps	91.
" " Tax of 1822 9th ward Interest	51.97
	$40,077.42

80 Accounts audited and ordered to be paid

[190] Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist	1258.25
Clark & Hibberd do 2d "	841.75
Stagg & Bleakly do 3d "	768.25
G Dummer & Co Loan of Punch Bowl 4 July & 25 Novr	7.75
Wm A Hardenbrook sunday service 9 ward 22 days to 27 Novr	33.
J Morton Clerk for Hack hire Accounts	39.
Ald White Chairn Committee for 25 Novr ordered 4 Decr.	283.31
Ald White Treasr Board of Health ordered 4 Decr	500.
Ald Cebra Commissr granting Tavern & Excise Licence 1 Jan. to 31st Decemr 1826	56.
" Bolton do " do	56.
" Gilford do " do	56.
" Mott do " do	56.
" White do do do	56.
" Van Wyck do do do	56.
" Agnew do " do	60.
" Hitchcock do " do	60.
" Lamb do " do	56.
" Arcularius do " do	56.

Ald Reed Commissr granting Tavern & Excise Licence				
		1 Jan. to 31st Decemr 1826		56.
" Lozier	do	"	do	56.
" Cox	do	"	do	60.
" Coe	do	"	do	60.
" Engs	do	"	do	56.
" Taylor	do	"	do	68.
" Randolph	do	"	do	28.
" Peters	do	"	do	56.
" Ostrander	do	"	do	60.
" Valentine	do	"	do	60.
" [191] Rathbone	do	"	do	60.
" Pittman	do	"	do	56.
" Davis	do	"	do	56.
" Schieffelin	do	"	do	56.
Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall expences Court & Jury 15 days to 14 Decemr				246.74
John M Bloodgood Super sts ordered 4 Decemr				1500.
J Aims for Inspector & Clerks Election 8th Ward				60.
O M Lownds Sherrif for Officers Conveyd to P & H of R				29.50
M Winter Intestate estate of Bernard Brady				22.50
Alexr Thompson Junr return Tax of 1825 3d Ward				17.08
Lang Turner & Co Subscription to Gazette 6 Mo 7 Decr				50.
Abm Leggett work Mud Scow 2 weeks to 17 Decr				122.12
Saml B Mersereau sundri[e]s for Mud Scow				129.18
Samuel Judd 11 Casks Oil				905.94
Haydock & Jenkins 13 Casks Oil				788.45
J Sloan filling sundry Lots ordered by C Inspector. Lien				677.60
O Smith filling Lots Wooster street		do	do	211.80
C Coles filling Lots 5th Street		do	do	142.
R Bogardus Attorney for Timy Madden part award opening La Fayette place				1253.
J Pinckerton Actt reg & pav Bond St fm Brdway to Bowery				700.
T Cummings Actt " " Hammersly f Bedford to Greenwich St				500.
J Mehan bal repav Pearl fr Broad St to Old Slip				476.20
J Slidell & Assoct Comr fees &c openg Avenue B fr North St to E River				357.
M Ulshoeffer Counsel fees &c	do	do	do	329.02
J Pinckerton Actt repav Broad & Beaver St fr Pearl to Wall St				300.
C Coles Act reg & pav Governeur St fm Division St to Cherry St				250.
H Smith Actt " " Henry St fm Clinton to Grand St				250.
[192] L Smith Attorney for Waldo & Ripley Award to Lessees of Geo: C Schropple Openg 32d St fr 10th Avenue to Hudson river				222.
C Mooney Actt reg & pav Pitt St fr Stanton to North St				170.

P McCafferty Actt reg & pav Ridge St fr Delancy to Riving St	100.	
J Mehan bal repav Water St fm Broad to Whitehall St	21.54	
R Graves St Comr Actt work 8th Avenue	400.	
Geo Bowman for 114 days Superintending at Battery	342.	
Lang Turner & Co Adverts delinquents Assesst Sale 22d Nor 1826	101.25	
Proprietors of Daily Advertiser do do do	101.25	
R Graves St Comr repairs Roads	1000.	
J Anderson Acct addition to Piers Courtlandt Slip	400.	
J Dodge bal Well & Pump Columbia near Rivington St	148.01	
R Pettigrew for Well Warren n Chapel St	114.50	
D Dunn 1st payt Well Mulberry St near Bleecker	73.50	
J Gallagher Junr 1s payt well Laurenc n Houston St	47.25	
J P. Roome Super Repairs for Docks & Slips	1800.	
J. P. Roome do " Markets	1600.	
J. P Roome do " Fire Dept	1200.	
J. P Roome do " Wells & Pumps	1050.	
J P. Roome do " Docks Stone at Ca[s]tle Garden	596.	
J. P. Roome do " Alms House & Bridewell.	500.	
J. P. Roome do " Lamps	400.	
J. P Roome do " Repairs	200.	
T [J] Fleming Treasr to pay Interest on City Stock bal	3500.	
A Burtis Super Alms House for Fever Hospital	2967.66	
A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House	5000.	36.456.40
Balance		$3621.02

[193] Board adjourned to Thursday the 21t day of December 1826

[194] In Common Council 21st Decemr 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone President Mayor
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Y Cebra	William W Mott
	Pierre C Van Wyck
	Henry Arcularius
	John Lozier
	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

A Quorum not appearing the President adjourned the Board until Monday next at 10 O Clock

[195] In Common Council 25th Decemr 1826

Present The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	Wm W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	
Anthony Lamb	Henry Arcularius
	John Lozier
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Philip W Engs
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
	Lemuel Pittman
William A Davis	Effingham Schieffelin

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition was presented from the Trustees of the Scotch Presbyterian Church praying that the Common Council will reconsider the Report of the Committee on Lands and places relating to the enlargeing of the Washington Parade Ground which was adopted at the last Meeting, which was read and referred to the [196] Committee on Lands and Places

A Petition of Gibbs Sibley for the Office of Superintendant of Hackney Coaches was read and referred to the Committee on applications for Office

A Petition of John D Spader for Transfer of Stall No 45 Washington Market lately occupied by his father Daniel Spader and for the benefit of his widow Mother was read and referred to the Market Committee

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Bell & Co praying to be relieved from the payment of a penalty incurred by the Commander of the Brig Irene presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom the Petition of Abraham Bell & Co was referred

Respectfully report that they have enquired into the facts stated in the said Petition and find that the same are correct in all respects— The Committee are of the opinion that it presents a good claim for relief inasmuch as the Gentlemen composing the firm of Abraham Bell & Co have always shewn themselves anxious & willing to conform to the Laws in respect of passengers—And in this very case interefered

voluntarily in support of the rights [197] of the City and the authority of its Officers—It happens that [it was through their advice that] the Bill for $500 was accepted by the owner of the Vessel [and the Vessel] having been confiscated rendered it out of the power of the Captain to deliver her over as security—The Petitioners feel themselves unpleasantly situated, with respect to the owner in consequence of the advice to accept the Bill

Your Committee think that it would be proper to shew on all occasions a spirit of Liberality to those Merchants who cheerfully conform to the Laws in relation to the importation of passengers, And who, as in this case, volunteer their Aid & advice in support of the City Authorities

It is therefore respectfully recommended by your Committee to pass the following Resolution

Resolved, that the fine of Five hundred dollars agreed to be paid by the Captain of the Irene be remitted

P C Van Wyck
Thos Bolton
E Schieffelin

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Chairman of the Law Committee presented the draft of a Law which was passed under the Title of " A Law relative to the duties of the Superintendant of Streets "

[198] The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Resolution to have a Public Clock placed in the Cupola of the City Hall presented a Report which was laid on the Table and directed to be printed together with the Letter from Messrs B & S Demilt

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Electors of the 8th Ward in relation to the Election of Assistant Alderman presented the following Report

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of the electors of the Eighth Ward praying an investigation into the Charter Election recently held in said Ward as far as relates to Assistant Alderman Report, that in obedience to the reference the duties required of your Committee have been performed and this Report is intended to present to the Common Council the result of their investigation

Your Committee deemed the attendance of the Inspectors of the late Election in the 8th Ward and the Clerks necessarily indispensable, they were therefore together with a number of the Petitioners invited

to attend—The inspectors and two of the Clerks and several of the Gentlemen who are subscribers to the annexed Petition upon which your Committee acted, accordingly appeared, and [199] your Committee after deliberation concluded that the examination should be on oath; the same was administered to the individuals examined And omitting the recapitulation of the testimony in detail it appeared in evidence that the material allegations containted in the annexed petition deduced from premises misconceived and therefore erroneously represented but which when explicitly stated and understood explain the case submitted to your Committee in the most satisfactory manner

Your Committee now proceed from an Analysis of the general allegations of the Petition to define the points demanding explanation and which required the consideration of your Committee

1st It is alleged that 1143 Votes for Charter Officers were polled and entered on the Clerks lists

2dly That 1121 Votes only were taken from the box and canvassed for Charter Officers

3dly That refering to these numbers it appears that 22 Votes were unaccounted for a number exceeding the Majority for the candidate returned as elected

These are the facts stated in the Petition and to these your Committee more particularly confined their attention, and they are happy to be enabled to report the following particulars to the Common Council as the result of their investigation. The number on the Poll lists of the clerk of Voters for Charter Officers was 1131 and there were 1121 ballots [200] taken from the charter box and Canvassed leaving a deficiency between the Votes taken from the Charter box and canvassed and the entries on the poll book of Ten only Six votes for Charter Officers were found in the other boxes so that the actual number of Votes deficient but required to accord with the poll lists was no more than four

Your Committee would observe that this small deficiancy may be explained in a very reasonable manner as follows when the elector presents himself to Vote his name is called by the Inspectors, the clerks enter the same in their books, and it has frequently happened and most probably in this instance that although the elector may have been repulsed or may have omitted voting for Charter Officers yet in mistake the mark of the line of the poll lists of the Clerks may have designated the Vote as given for Charter Officers when it should not,

Your Committee would observe that when it is considered that no less than 1143 Electors voted in the Eighth ward during the last

Election, and that on the eve of the third day there was a very considerable pressure on the Poll, and many votes taken, the surprise if any, it is presumed, may arise from the acknowledged accuracy which pervaded the [201] duties of the Inspectors and clerks during an election, in which much feeling was excited and the several Candidates warmly supported or contested

In concluding this report your Committee in justice to the Inspectors of the eight Ward would represent to the Common Council that all the witnesses concurred in bearing testimony to the fidelity impartiality and integrity of those gentlemen during the late Election, And it is a pleasure to your Committee to record their conviction of the same, and that those Gentlemen performed their duties not only in the most laudable manner personally, but deserve much credit for the systematic arrangement accuracy and good order which governed the proceedings at the 8th Ward Poll on that Occasion

Your Committee would likewise represent that they concur in opinion with the Inspectors of the 8th Ward that the gentlemen who officiated as Clerks at the Poll during the election performed their duties, in a manner entirely unexceptionable

These testimonials your Committee have been induced to offer to correct the vague Reports now proved to be destitute of any foundation in fact, which have been circulated in relation to the recent Election in the Eighth Ward

[202] Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Special Committee be forthwith discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the Assistant of the 8th Ward returned as elected be sworn and admitted to his seat in the Common Council of this City

Effingham Schieffelin
John Agnew
P C Van Wyck
Thos Bolton
Gideon Ostrander

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Counsels report stating that the report of the Commissioners of Estimate on 4th & 5th Streets Avenues A & C had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, presented a Report which was laid on the Table

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Stagg praying that he may be allowed for materials used in

the repaving of Ridge street presented the following Report against the same

[203] The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of Abraham Stagg praying that he may be allowed for materials used in the repaving of Ridge street stating that no allowance has been made him in the Assessment for Curb Gutter &c: Report that on examination of the Assessment it appears that the property of the said Stagg has not been charged with Curb or gutter stones and that the Petitioner has no cause of Complaint—The Committee therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C. P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Street Commissioner relative to the opening & continuing Factory Street to Sixth street presented the following Report in favor

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from the Street Commissioner relating to the opening and continuing Factory street to Sixth street Report [204] that in the opinion of the Committee Factory street must necessarily be opened to Sixth street that the small point or Gore of Land is at present of but small Value—Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that Factory street be opened and continued to Sixth street

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the foregoing resolution carried into Effect

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
William S Coe
C P White

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and a remonstrance against the opening and continuing Elm street to Chamber street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition for and a remonstrance against the opening & Continuing Elm street to Chamber street respectfully report that in their opinion the expence of

opening that street would far exceed any advantage to the Petitioners and for inasmuch as that a large and very valuable [205] building now nearly completed on the grounds that would be required for such opening would now still add to the expence and for asmuch as that a very large proportion of persons that would be affected by the Assessment for such opening have remonstrated against it—Your Committee are therefore induced to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to open and continue Elm street to Chamber Street

Jacob B Taylor
Gideon Ostrander
W S Coe

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred their former Report on the application of the Inspector of Hacks presented the following Report

The Committee on Public Offices on the reference back to them of their former report on the application of the Inspector of Hacks for an increase of Salary respectfully offer for your consideration the resolution subjoined as expressive of their opinion

Resolved that the Salary of the inspector of Hacks be Eight hundred dollars per Annum to Commence on the first day of November last

Samuel Gilford Jur
William W Mott
P. W Engs
[206] William S Coe
Jacob B Taylor

The Question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative Alderman White having called a Division the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford Agnew Cox Randolph Davis Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Arcularius Coe Engs Peters Pittman Schieffelin 16

Negative Ald White Lamb Taylor Ostrander Mr Lozier Valentine 6

Mr Valentine then gave notice that he should call for a reconsideration at the next meeting of the Board

[207] The Comptroller to whom was referred a Report of a Committee of the Board of Supervisors on the application of the Marshalls

for taking the Census presented a Report which was read and referred to the Board of Supervisors

A Report was received from the Public Administrator exibiting a statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the past year And also proposing amendments to the Law respecting the Office of Public Administrator—That part relating to the accounts was referred to the Finance Committee—And that part relating to amendments to the Law was referred to the Law Committee

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to examine and Report their opinion as to the propriety of extending LaFayette place as far as Eighth street

Alderman Cebra presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to bring in an Ordinance to regulate and repave Garden street from William street to Hanover square and also Exchange street

[208] M[r] Arcularius presented the following which was referred to the Watch Committee with powers

Resolved that the Chairman of the Watch Committee be directed to have the Watch Companies doubled on Sunday night next the 31[st] December 1826

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Garden street between William street and Slote lane—And Slote lane from Garden street to Hanover Square which was passed and Samuel S[t] John Robert Wardell & Brigham How were appointed Assessors

The Minutes were now read and approved

This being the day prescribed by law for the newly elected Cha[r]ter Officers to be sworn into Office the following persons appeared and were sworn by the Honb[l] Philip Hone Mayor in the presence of the Common Council

1[st] Ward		2[d] Ward	
John Yates Cebra	Alderman	Samuel Gilford Jun[r]	Alderman
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	William W Mott	Assistant
Robert Graham	Constables	Th Richards	Assessor
Richard S Clark	Constables	Richard Ellis	Constables
		John Wintringham	Constables

[209] 3[d] Ward		4[th] Ward	
Campbell P White	Alderman	John Agnew	Alderman
Pierre C Van Wyck	Assistant	Isaac Brown	Assistant
John Graham	Assessor	Lewis Seymour	Assessor
A Van Orden Jun[r]	Constables	James G Finn	Constables
H Graham	Constables	Frederick Seely	Constables

5th Ward		6th Ward	
Anthony Lamb	Alderman	John Lozier	Alderman
John Shepherd Junr	Assistant	James Lynch	Assistant
Leonard Warner & Albert Journey	Assessors	Cornelius McLean J. J Lockwood	Assessors
William C Scott Cyrus Bedell	Constables	Caleb Crane Thomas Parker	Constable

7th Ward		8th Ward	
Jameson Cox	Alderman	Stuart F Randolph	Alderman
William S Coe	Assistant	Thos T Woodruff	Assistant
Daniel Dusenbury Caleb Fordham	Assessors	W T Slocum	Assessor
Robert Phillips William Rhodes	Constables	C Stagg E Barton	Constables

9th Ward		10th Ward	
Jacob B Taylor	Alderman	Gideon Ostrander	Alderman
John R Peters	Assistant	Abm M Valentine	Assistant
Alexr Coffin Junr	Assessor	Isaac Halsey John Drake	Assessors
Henry T Jollie Andrew Sinclair	Constables	W Stevenson N Ludlum	Constables

[210] 11th Ward		12th Ward	
Lemuel Pittman	Alderman	Effingham Schieffelin	Aldm
Jeremiah Dodge	Assistant	Henry Storms	Assistant
Nathan Brown William Lee	Assessors	John Adriance John L Varian	Assessors
John W Timpson J Thomas	Constables	Elisha Kingsland	Contable

The Members of the Old Board then retired and the newly elected Members took their seats and the Board was formed as follows

The Honbl Philip Hone Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Yates Cebra	Thomas Bolton
Samuel Gilford Junr	William W Mott
Campbell P White	Pierre C Van Wyck
John Agnew	Isaac Brown
Anthony Lamb	John Shepherd Junr
John Lozier	James Lynch
Jameson Cox	William S Coe
Stuart F Randolph	Thomas T Woodruff
Jacob B Taylor	John R Peters
Gideon Ostrander	Abm M Valentine
Lemuel Pittman	Jeremiah Dodge
Effingham Schieffelin	Henry Storms

[211] Alderman Agnew moved that the newly elected Members be furnished by the Clerk with a Set of Laws of the State—The Charter and Ordinances of the Corporation & Hookers Pocket Map of the City of New York and that Hookers Map be also furnished to the several members of the Board—The Superintendant of Repairs was also directed to furnish the Staves of Office to the newly elected Members

Upon Motion the Rules and Orders for the Government of the proceedings of the Common Council which were adopted last year were now agreed to be adopted as the Rules and Orders for the present year

Rules and Orders
of the
Common Council of the City of New York
passed December 25th 1826

I. Upon the appearance of Seven Aldermen and Seven Assistants the Mayor or in his absence the Recorder shall take the chair as President and the members be called to order

II. Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair the minutes of the preceeding meeting shall be read by the Clerk to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the Board

III. [212] The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide question[s] of order subject to an appeal to the Board

IV. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote and no more

V. Every member previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the President

VI. When two or more members shall rise at once the President shall name the member who is first to speak

VII. No person shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once till every Member choosing to speak shall have spoken

VIII. No question on a Motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the President before debate and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

IX. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment

X. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless 1. To amend it. 2 To commit it—3. To postpone it—4. For the previous question 5. To adjourn

XI. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

XII. [213] The previous question until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—"shall the main question now be put."

XIII. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

XIV. A member called to order, shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

XV. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

XVI. Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if any two members require it.

XVII. In all divisions taken by the Board, it shall be the duty of the Clerk, to enter on the minutes, the name of the member calling for the division

XVIII. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place [214] except by unanimous consent.

XIX. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unles dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board, and a majority of the whole number of votes shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

XX. No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

XXI. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unles otherwise ordered by the Board, Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a State of facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received, unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee

Special Committes

1. Water
The Mayor
Ald White
Schieffelin
Mr Mott
Storms

2. Bellevue Hospital
Ald Lozier
Cebra
Mr Coe
Storms
Ald Pittman

3. Jail and Bridewell
Ald Taylor
Lamb
Mr Van Wyck
Brown
Lynch

4. Battery
Ald Cebra
Lozier
Randolph
Mr Dodge
Shepherd

[218] Alderman Taylor moved that the Board proceed forthwith to the appointment of a Mayor for the ensuing year—Mr Van Wyck moved previous to the consideration of that subject the Board would consider a Resolution he should propose—Alderman Taylor consenting to withdraw his motion for the present—Mr Van Wyck presented the following Resolution

Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed on Contracts and Expenditures

After some discussion it was moved to refer it to the Finance Committee

The question being taken thereon and Mr Van Wyck calling for the Ayes & Noes the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Cebra Gilford White Agnew Lozier Cox Randolph Taylor Ostrander Pittman Schieffelin Mr Bolton Shepherd Lynch Coe Woodruff Peters Valentine Dodge Storms 21.

Negative Ald Lamb Mr Mott Van Wyck Brown 4

[219] So it was carried in the Affirmative and referred accordingly

Alderman Taylor then renewed his motion to go into the appointment of Mayor—It was moved that the Board now adjourn—the question being taken thereon and a Division called by Mr Coe the Members voted as follows

Negative Mr Recorder Ald White Agnew Lozier Cox Randolph Taylor Ostrander Mr Lynch Coe Woodruff Valentine Dodge 13.

Affirmative Ald Cebra Gilford Lamb Pittman Schieffelin Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Brown Shepherd Peters Storms 12

So it passed in the Negative

Alderman Taylors motion to proceed to choice of a Mayor was then taken into consideration—the question being taken thereon and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

[220] Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald White Agnew Lozier Cox Randolph Taylor Ostrander Mr Lynch Coe Woodruff Valentine Dodge 13

Negative Ald Cebra Gilford Lamb Pittman Schieffelin Mr Bolton Mott Van Wyck Brown Shepherd Peters Storms 12

A Member observed that as there were 26 Members present 13 was not a Majority and he considered the Board as entitled to ask of the Mayor to vote—The Mayor stated that he felt himself so situated on this occasion that he begged the Board would excuse him from Voting —The Board having assented thereto, he then declared the question carried and requested the Members to prepare their Ballots for the Election

Upon motion that the President appoint two Tellers to count with him the Ballots and it being agreed to he appointed Alderman Agnew and Alderman Pittman Tellers

[221] The Board accordingly proceeded to Ballot and upon opening and Counting the Ballots it appeared there were

Fourteen Ballots for William Paulding

Eleven Ballots for Philip Hone &

One Ballot for John T Irving

Whereupon the President declared William Paulding duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year—And it was Resolved that William Paulding be and he is hereby declared elected Mayor in and for the City of New York and the precincts thereof for the ensuing year

It was then moved and agreed to, that a Committee be appointed by the President to wait upon Mr Paulding inform him of his Election and request his attendance at the Common Council Chamber on Tuesday the 2d day of January next at 5 OClock P M to take the Oath of Office prescribed by the Constitution—And the President appointed Aldermen White, Taylor & Mr Coe the Committee

The Board then adjourned to meet on Tuesday 2d of January next at 5 OClock P M

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